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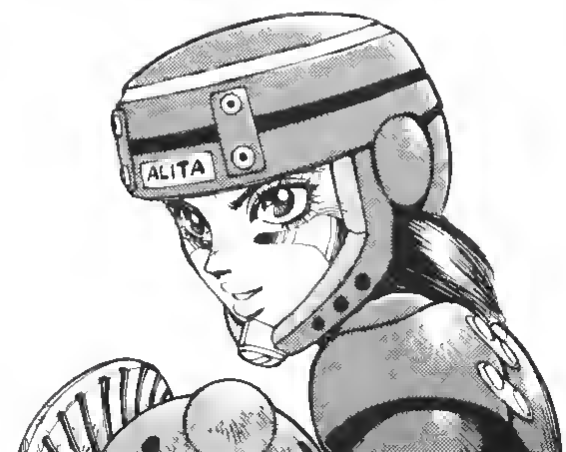
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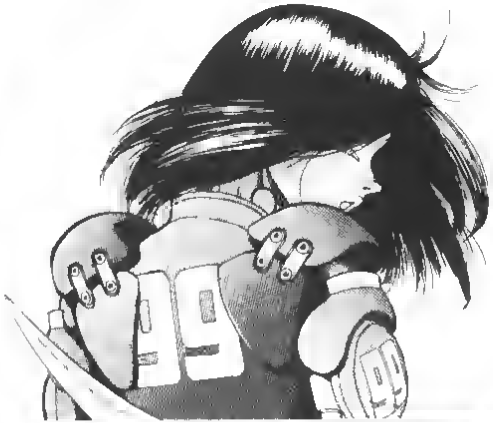

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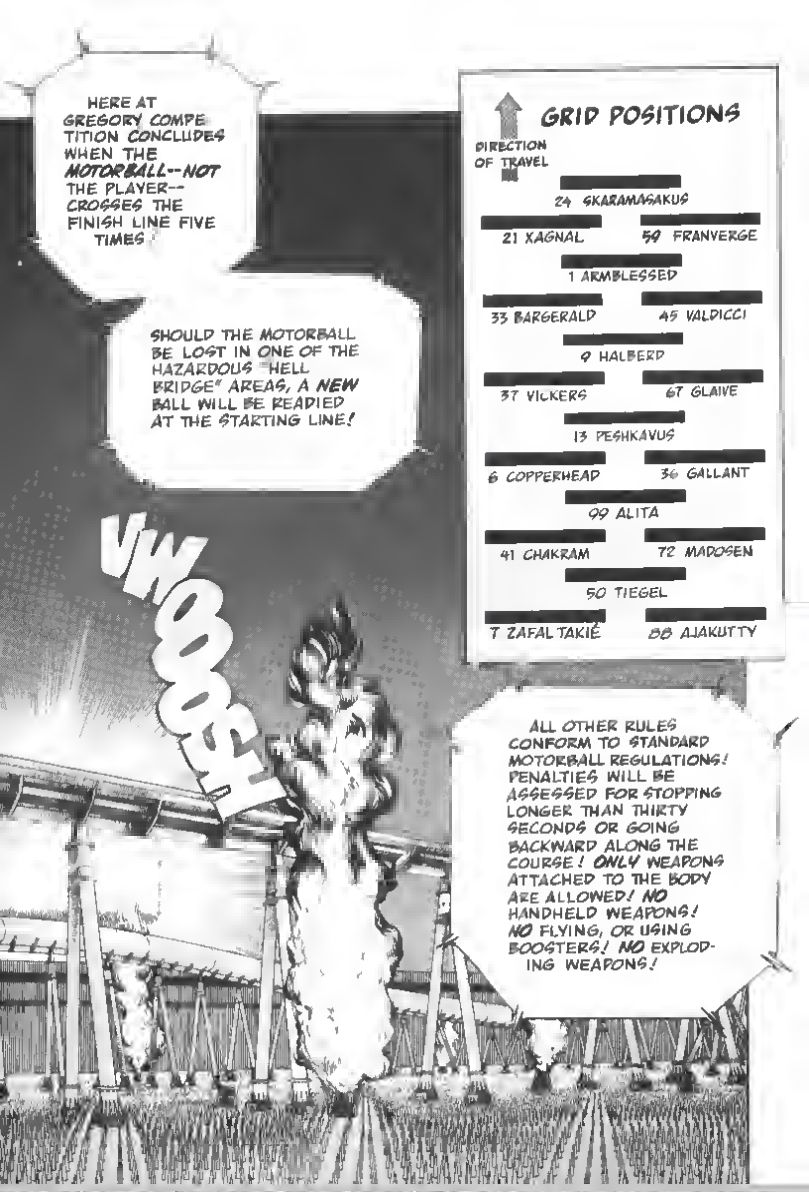
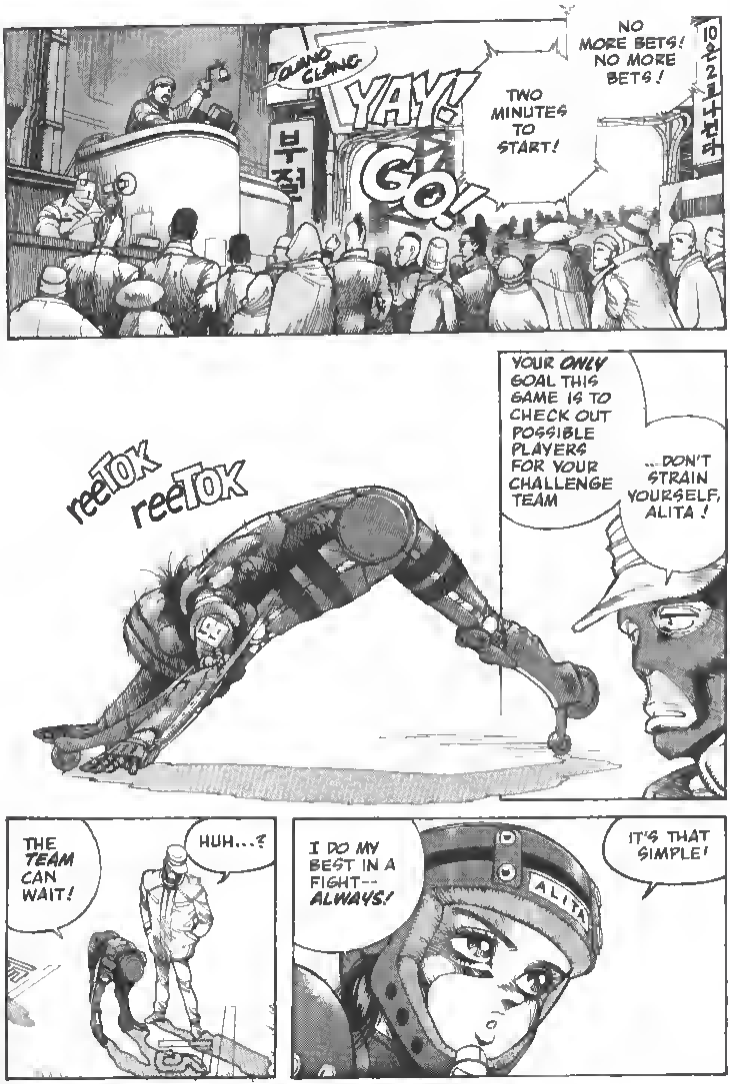
YAAY
MORDRED
THE CHECKS OF THE COMPETITORS ARE NOW COMPLETE...
YAAY
...AND GRID POSITIONS FROM THE COMPUTER LOTTERY HAVE COME IN!
GRID
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
PLAYER
OH, NO... 13TH GRID!
SO WE WEREN'T THAT LUCKY.

HEADBANGEA'S BALL

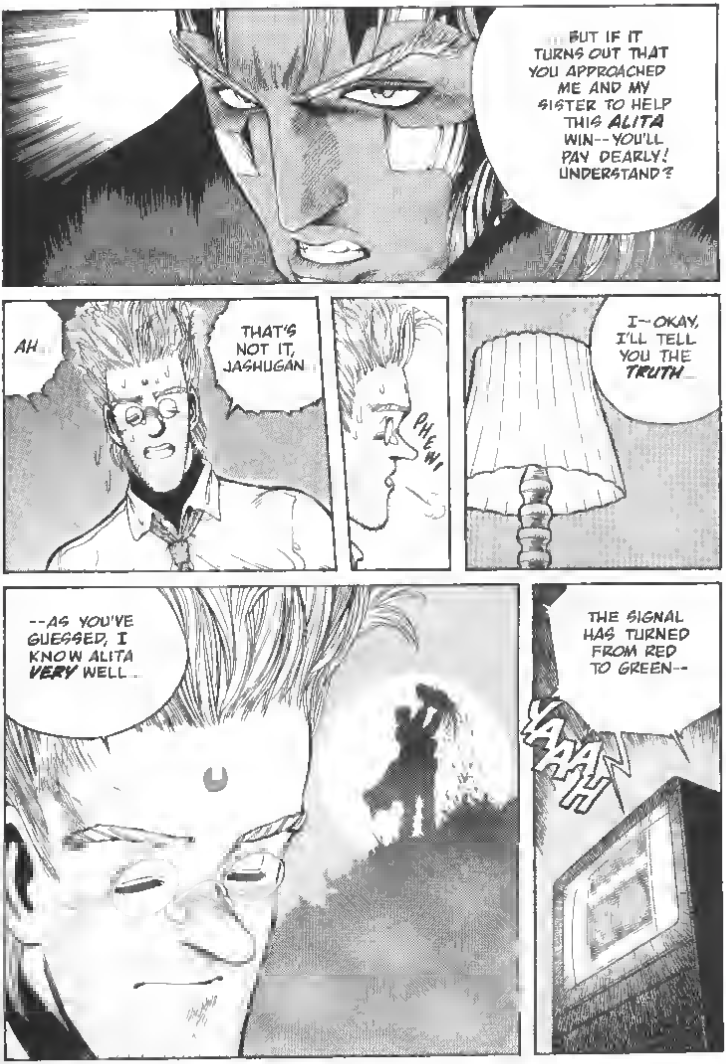
Race 1: Face of Evil/Touch of Cruelty

THE GREGORY CIRCUIT IS BEST KNOWN FOR ITS COMPLEX COURSE LAYOUT FILLED WITH DANGEROUS GIMMICKS
DAYLIGHT BEND
HELL RIDGE HAIRPIN
TURULAR COIL HILLS
TOP RANK CORNER
TUSKS HILL
HELL RRIDGE STRAIGHT
SOMER SAULT HILL
TUBULAR BEND
PITS
START
DISPLAY TOWERS STRAIGHT
RANK SLALOM BENDS
HELL RRIDGE CORNER
TUSKS BEND
GREGORY CIRCUIT
6.015km
TUSKS STRAIGHT
PICKET CORNER
WHERE ANY CRASH IS ALMOST A SUREFIRE FATALITY! TRULY A CIRCUIT OF DEATH!


HERE AT GREGORY COMPETITION CONCLUDES WHEN THE MOTORBALL--NOT THE PLAYER--CROSSES THE FINISH LINE FIVE TIMES!
SHOULD THE MOTORBALL BE LOST IN ONE OF THE HAZARDOUS "HELL BRIDGE" AREAS, A NEW BALL WILL BE READIED AT THE STARTING LINE!
WHOOSH
GRID POSITIONS
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
24 SKARAMAGAKUS
21 XAGNAL
59 FRANVERGE
1 ARMBLESSED
33 BARGERALD
45 VALDICCI
9 HALBERD
37 VICKERS
67 GLAIVE
13 PESHKAVUS
6 COPPERHEAD
36 GALLANT
99 ALITA
41 CHAKRAM
72 MADOSEN
50 TIEGEL
7 ZAFAL TAKIÉ
88 AJAKUTTY
ALL OTHER RULES CONFORM TO STANDARD MOTORBALL REGULATIONS! PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED FOR STOPPING LONGER THAN THIRTY SECONDS OR GOING BACKWARD ALONG THE COURSE! ONLY WEAPONS ATTACHED TO THE BODY ARE ALLOWED! NO HANDHELD WEAPONS! NO FLYING, OR USING BOOSTERS! NO EXPLODING WEAPONS!


CLANG CLANG
YAY!
GO!
NO MORE BETS! NO MORE BETS!
TWO MINUTES TO START!
부정
reeTok
reeTok
YOUR ONLY GOAL THIS GAME IS TO CHECK OUT POSSIBLE PLAYERS FOR YOUR CHALLENGE TEAM
... DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF, ALITA!
THE TEAM CAN WAIT!
HUH...?
I DO MY BEST IN A FIGHT-- ALWAYS!
ALITA
IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

THE MOTORBALL IS BEING SET ON THE LAUNCH ARM!
ONE MINUTE TO START!
YAAAH! YAAAH!
YAAAH! YAAAH!
DOCTOR IDO, YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE...


...BUT IF IT TURNS OUT THAT YOU APPROACHED ME AND MY SISTER TO HELP THIS ALITA WIN--YOU'LL PAY DEARLY! UNDERSTAND?
AH...
THAT'S NOT IT, JASHUGAN
PHEW!
I--OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
--AS YOU'VE GUESSED, I KNOW ALITA VERY WELL...
THE SIGNAL HAS TURNED FROM RED TO GREEN--
YAAA!

--AND THE PLAYERS ARE OFF!
VRROOMSH!

KAFWAK
THE MOTORBALL IS THROWN BY THE LAUNCHER ARM! WHAT A START HERE AT GREGORY!
VMMM
CHAMPION AEMBLESSED GOES FOR THE MOTORBALL !
BUT WAIT-!
FWSSSH!
KONGFWOOM
OUTTA THE WAY!
THE BALL HAS BEEN SNATCHED BY NO. 24, SKARAMAGAKUS, A CROUCHING-STYLE MODEL!*
HE'S ONE OF THREE CIRCUIT-RIDERS TRAINED IN AJAKUTTY'S ASIAN ARTS!

*BUILT LOW TO THE GROUND FOR LESS AIR RESISTANCE. AS LONG AS A "CROUCHER" HAS LEGS AND ARMS, IT'S NOT AGAINST REGULATIONS.

NICE GOIN', MASA!
DON'T FALL BEHIND, HALBERD! C'MON!
THE TRIO'S MASTER IS STILL LAGGING BEHIND No 50, TIEGEL!
OUTTA THE WAY, YA LUG!
PUP PUP PUP PUP
50
IF LOVELY ALITA IS EVER TO ACCEPT ME... I MUST WIN THIS RACE!
FAN-FAVORITE ALITA SEEMS TRAPPED IN THE GRIDLOCK!
DAMN IT!
VREEEM
ONE PLAYER IS EASILY PASSING THE OTHERS-- IT'S
No 7, ZAFAL TAKIÉ! SINCE HER RECENT DEBUT, THE CRIMSON WIND HAS WON THREE CONSECUTIVE RACES!
SHOOOSH
AH!
SHOOSH

HOORAY! GO!
ALITA IS PRACTICALLY FAMILY.. ALMOST LIKE A.. A DAUGHTER TO ME..
I CAME HERE TO GET MY RUNAWAY GIRL TO COME HOME..
...
ALITA'S SO EMOTIONAL, SO ONE-TRACK-MINDED-- JUST TALKING HER INTO QUITTING MOTORBALL WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE...
...THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY..
ALITA MUST BE COMPLETELY DEFEATED IN THE GAME!
AND FOR THAT, I NEED THE STRENGTH OF A CHAMPION!

VRRRM
FROOM
33
PESKY WOMAN! GEH! BY THE ORDER OF ARMBLESSED, YOU SHALL BE EXTERMINATED!
!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY IT!
VSSH
SHSHH
VMMM
WHA-!?

FWAM
PANG
KANG
HAA!
SHASH
THEY MANEUVER SO QUICKLY...!
TOK
JING

YAAAAAAY!
AT THE TUSKS STRAIGHT, ALITA IS ALREADY IN A MIGHTY BATTLE...
...FACING THE SECOND-RANKED PAIR OF THE BROTHERS GALLANT AND VICKERS, Nos 36 AND 37!
ALSO IN BATTLE IS THIRD-RANKED No 41, CHAKRAM!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S No 13, "DIRTY" PESHKAVUS, WHO'S PULLING THE STRINGS! HE'S WELL-KNOWN AS "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSED'S RIGHT-HAND MAN!
SNAAP
TO NG
!
GEH!
SHASH
AH! PESHKAVUS JUST THREW SOMETHING!
ALITA'S OFF-BALANCE! GET READY, CRASH-FANS...!

FWOMP
YOU ALL RIGHT, SISTER!?
NO SO, "CRUSHER" AJAKUTTY, GRABBED ALITA IN THE NICK OF TIME!
TH-THANKS, AJY!
THAT'S CRAZY!
OFFICIALS HAVE RULED THAT THE PESHKAVUS ACTION WILL BE CONSIDERED AN ACCIDENTAL BREAKAGE OF A BODILY PART-- NO PENALTY!
WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN.! GEH!
AFTER SETTLING THEIR DISAGREEMENT OVER THE NUMBER 99, AJAKUTTY AND ALITA SEEM CLOSE ALLIES!
CALLED "THE CROWNLESS KING," AJAKUTTY'S FIGHTING ABILITY IS SAID TO RIVAL THE CHAMPION, ARMBLESSED!
DAMN YOU AND YOUR DIRTY TRICKS!

KA
TASH
FIRST A LEG LOCK!
TWAK
WAWAWA
RAAAH!
KITANG
DAMN YOU!
BROTHER!
KA
BLOOOH
SHASH

SWAK
ONE!
SPINNING SATELLITE STRIKE!
HAA!
TWO!
SKLIKT
FOP
WHAT THE--!?
GYAAAAH!
THIS'LL GET HER!
POIK
INCREDIBLE! AN AERIAL BATTLE AT OVER TWO HUNDRED KILOMETERS PER HOUR!
GEH, HEH! DIE!
"DIRTY TRICKS" PESHKAVUS IS SPREADING OIL ON THE TRACK!
SPLOOOSH

AJY--!
CHECK!
TANG
A BEAUTIFUL COMBINATION PLAY! FOR THE MASTER OF GROUND ATTACK FIST, AN OIL SLICK HAS NO EFFECT! A PERFECT USE OF TI KUNG CHUAN!
SHAAAAA
GEH! HAND OVER YOUR WEAPON!
KRAK
WHAT ARE YOU--!?
NOW PESHKAVUS HAS SET FIRE TO A TEAMMATE! DOES HIS DIRTY FIGHTING KNOW NO END!?
VAARGH!
FWOOSH
GO BLOCK HER, DOLT!
URGH!
WHANG

NOW YOU WILL DIE--!
!?
YOU FOOL!
GEH!?
OH, NO!
YOU WON'T GET ME SO EASILY--!
UNGH!
KWAM

GAHHAH!
SKREEEECH
HACK
CHOP
HOORAY!
AAGH!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! PESHKAVUS HAS RIPPED THROUGH THE FENCE AND INTO THE SPECTATORS!
GEH, HEH-- THAT WAS CLOSE--BUT SHE WON'T FOLLOW ME IN HERE!
UHHH
HOW LOW CAN SLIME SINK!?
THE BLEACHERS ARE LIKE A PORTRAIT OF HELL!
S-SISTER!?
SISTER! HE'S NOT WORTH IT!
SKRRREE

NOW TO GET BACK TO THE COURSE GEH, HEH!
G-GEH !?
PLORK
GUNG
AH !
I SHALL NOT STAND BY...
AAAH! NO! STOP! HELP!
KAKRESH
MY GOD! ALITA IS ACCEPTING A PENALTY AND GOING BACKWARDS ALONG THE COURSE! HAS HER ANGER TOWARD DESHKAVUS FINALLY REACHED THE LIMIT!?
SHOOM

...IN THE PRESENCE OF EVIL!
ALITA
HERTZA HAEON?
KATWAM
GHAA!
GH!
SPOIK
PLOP
YAAAAY
ALITA
IT'S DONE
BST
BST

YAAAY
ALITA IS PENALIZED TEN POINTS--
BUT--THE CROWD IS GOING WILD OVER HER RETURN TO PUNISH PESHKAVUS REGARDLESS OF THE PENALTY!
.....
RUNNING INTO SHUMIRA AND GETTING CLOSE TO YOU WAS ALL COINCIDENCE, CHAMPION. I HAD NO INTENTION OF HURTING EITHER OF YOU.
PLEASE BELIEVE ME
I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE A BAD PERSON, IDO...
...I CAN NEVER STAND TO SEE LITTLE SHUMIRA'S TEARS

SO ALITA AND YOU ARE FAMILY THAT'S GOOD, YOU KNOW..
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE FAMILY
SHAAA
!?
JASHUGAN !?
FWUMP

SSSSSSSS
LA LA LA LA LA
SSSSS
YAAAY!
YAAAY!

-;SIGH;-
SHUMIRA USED TO BE LONELY BY HERSELF IN THIS BIG HOUSE..
BUT AFTER IDO COME, BIG BROTHER HOME NOW, TOO! SHUMIRA SO VERY HAPPY!
GRRR
BUT IDO IN LOVE WITH THAT GIRL..!
AND IF IDO GO AWAY, BIG BROTHER GO AWAY, TOO...!
BIG BROTHER ! NO!
OWW SHUMIRA'S EYE!

BEEP
DUP
CLS
EL
HOME
ANOTHER FLATLINE ATTACK..!
HIS CONDITION IS DETERIORATING MORE RAPIDLY THAN I EXPECTED!

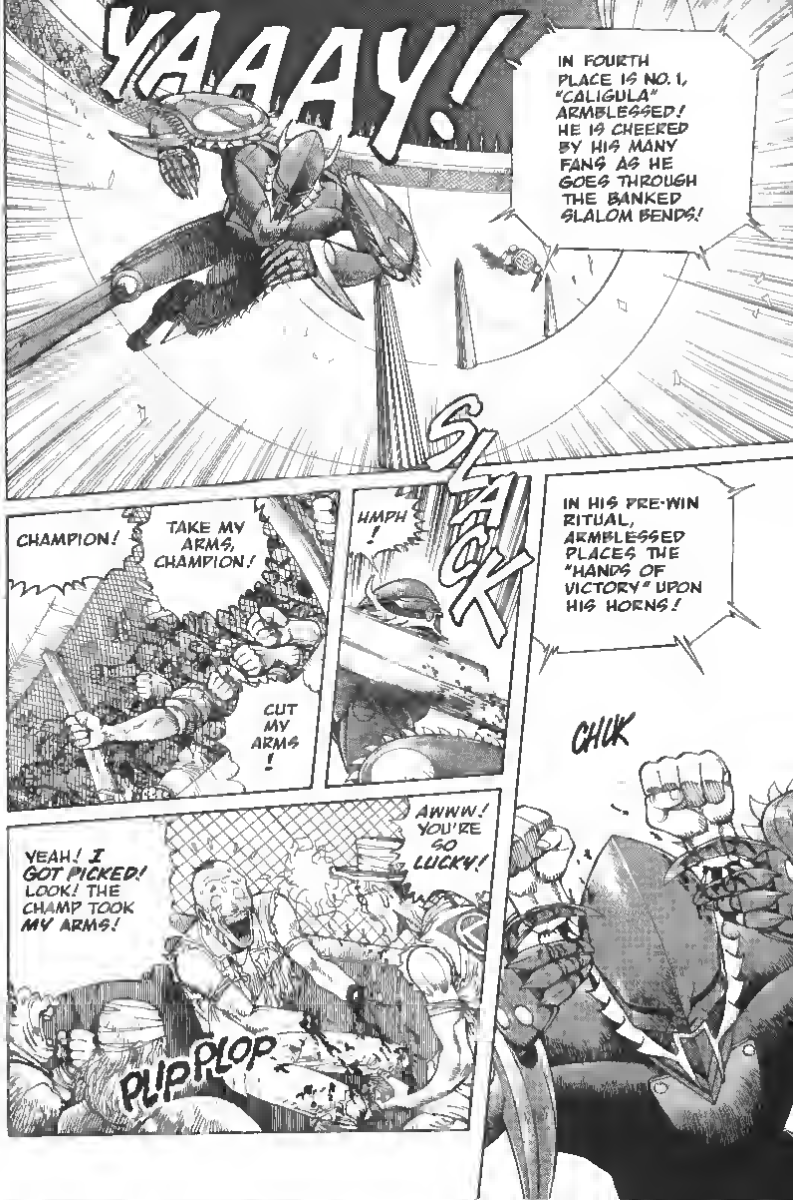
YAAY! GO!
HE TRUSTED ME! I CAN'T LET HIM DIE!
GOT TO REVIVE HIM!
LIKE LAST TIME--I HAVE TO PREPARE AN ACETYLCHOLINE SHOCK TREATMENT! I'LL NEED A BRAIN-WAVE SEQUENCER*. AND SHUMIRA!
PYUP
!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT. .

*USED TO TAKE A PRE-SAMPLED BRAIN WAVE, MODIFY IT, AND OUTPUT IT TO THE PATIENT.

YAAAAAAY
NO. 99, ALITA, SHOWS HER SUPERIOR ABILITY AND UTTERLY DEFEATS NO 13, PESHKAVUS!
BUT SHE FACES A MAJOR PENALTY FOR GOING BACKWARD ON THE TRACK! SHE NOW HAS A GREAT DEAL OF GROUND TO RECOVER IN ORDER TO CATCH UP!
SORRY...!
YOU DUMMY! GETTING PENALIZED JUST TO GO AFTER AN OPPONENT!
HMPH!

NO. 50, "WALKING LAST PLACE" TIEGEL, CLOSES IN ON ALITA!
RMRMRMRM
ALITAAA! PLEEEEEZE LET ME JOIN YOUR GROOOOP!
YSSH
WHOA!
VOOM
MEANWHILE, THE LEADER AND BALLKEEPER NO. 24, SKARAMASAKUS, IS ALREADY GOING THROUGH THE BANKED SLALOM BENDS!
ALITA
LEADER
KWOO
WHKOOOW

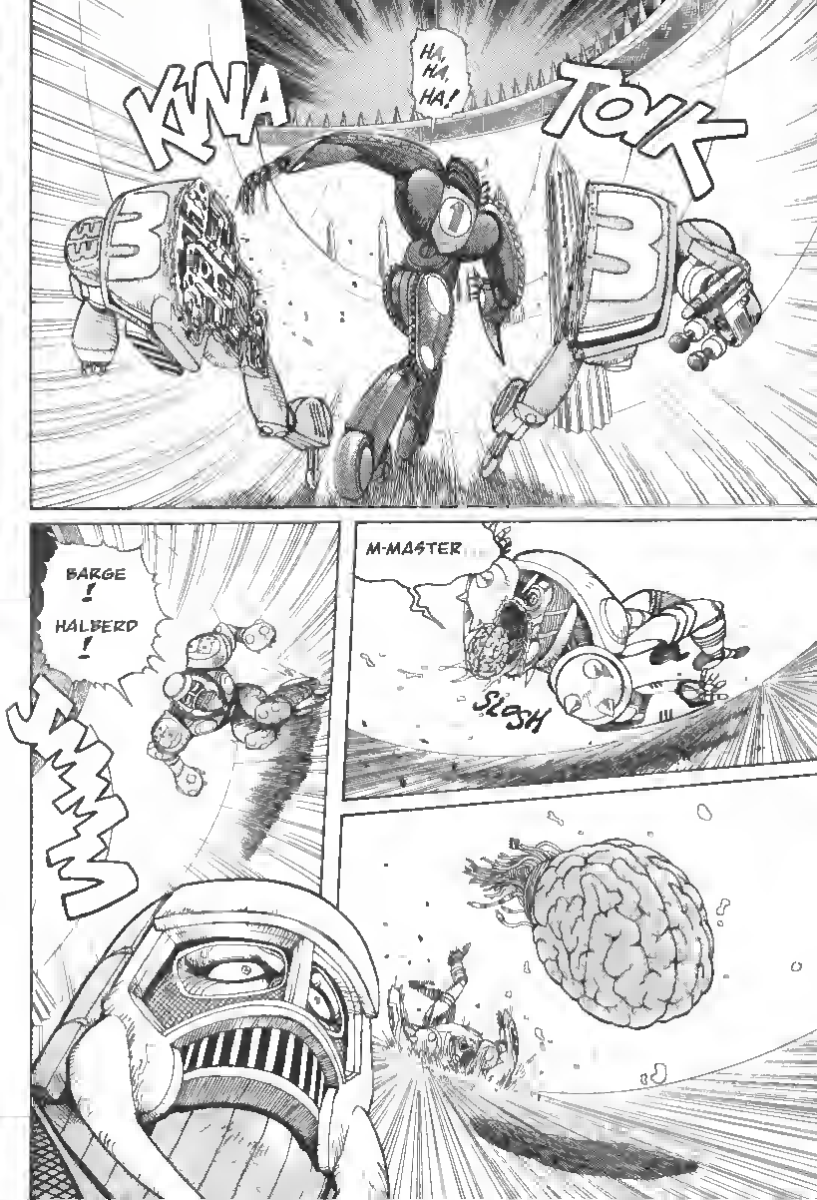
RIGHT AFTER THE BANKED SLALOM BENDS IS THE SOMERSAULT HILL! UNLESS A PLAYER ACCELERATES ENOUGH TO BUILD CENTRIFUGAL FORCE, THERE'S NO GETTING PAST THIS POINT!
SKOOM
VROOOM
SKARAMASAKUS EASILY CLEARS THE LOOP!
IN SECOND PLACE IS NO 59, FRANVERGE... N-NO!
SHHHH
NO 7, ZAFAL TAKIÉ! SHE MOVES INTO SECOND PLACE FROM THE REARMOST GRID!
ZWWWW


YAAAAY!
IN FOURTH PLACE IS NO. 1, "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSED! HE IS CHEERED BY HIS MANY FANS AS HE GOES THROUGH THE BANKED SLALOM BENDS!
SLAK
CHAMPION!
TAKE MY ARMS, CHAMPION!
CUT MY ARMS!
HMPH!
IN HIS PRE-WIN RITUAL, ARMBLESSED PLACES THE "HANDS OF VICTORY" UPON HIS HORNS!
CHUK
YEAH! I GOT PICKED! LOOK! THE CHAMP TOOK MY ARMS!
AWWW! YOU'RE SO LUCKY!
PLIP PLOP

BEHIND ARMELESSED, A MASSIVE BATTLE AMONGST THE NEW PLAYERS IS UNFOLDING!
CRESCENT MOON KICK!
PILE-DRIVER!
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
KRONK
THE VICTORS ARE NO 33, BARGERALD, AND NO. 9, HALBERD! TOGETHER WITH SKARAMASAKUS IN THE LEAD, THEY MAKE UP THE DISCIPLES OF AJAKUTTY'S "AGIAN ARTS"!
LET'S KEEP GOING, BARGE!
RIGHT!
BOOSH

NO 33, BARGERALD, AND NO 9, HALBERD, DARINGLY ATTACK "CALIGULA"!
YAAAAAAH!
SHISH
UGK!?
WHOOM

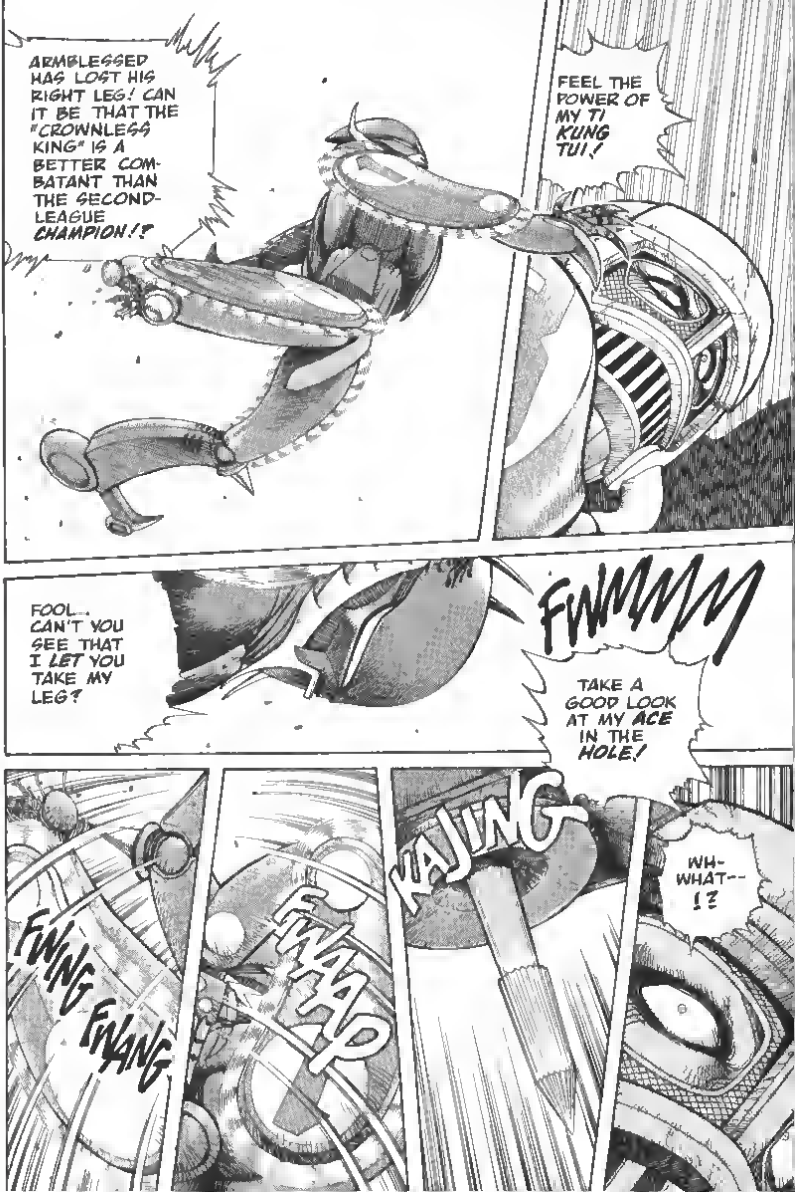
YIIAAA! THE "NUTCRACKER"! TRANSAXIAL PLANE SLICE!
SKREEEE
KRANG
WAGHHH!
YOU MAY GO!
FWEP
YES! IT'S THE CHAMPION'S "NUTCRACKER"-- A FAVORITE AMONG HIS FANS!
VRRRMM
I CAN'T SEE!
SAGITTAL PLANE SLICE!
SKRASH
HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO HALBERD!
ZOOSH


KNA
TOK
HA, HA, HA!
BARGE !
HALBERD !
M-MASTER...
SLOSH

SKLORP
AAAAAH!
DAMN YOU, ARMBLESSED!
FUCK
HMPH! IT'S THEIR FAULT-- FOR BEING WEAK!

AMAZING! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME "CRUSHER" AJAKUTTY AND "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSED HAVE GONE HEAD TO HEAD!
KANG
WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE THIS TODAY!
KAKRANG
KANG
YOU COMBAT-CRAZY FOOL!
A GREAT MOVE BY AJAKUTTY, AS HE TAKES THE FRONT POSITION!
FASH
SKANNNG

THIS FIGHT IS MINE!
KA KLANG
HAA AYAA!


ARMBLESSED HAS LOST HIS RIGHT LEG! CAN IT BE THAT THE "CROWNLESS KING" IS A BETTER COMBATANT THAN THE SECOND-LEAGUE CHAMPION!?
FEEL THE POWER OF MY TJ KUNG TUI!
FOOL... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I LET YOU TAKE MY LEG?
FWMMM
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY ACE IN THE HOLE!
FWING FWANG
FWAP
KAJING
WH-WHAT--!?

WHAT'S THIS!? ARMBLESSED'S BODY IS BEGINNING TO SPIN LIKE A TOP!
THIS IS GUSHIKEN-- THE TAIWANESE SPIN!
ZEEEENG
KREK SHEK
GWAH!

ZAK FWOK
HA, HA. HA.HA, HA, HA!
AMAZING! "CALIGULA" HAS CRUSHED "CRUSHER" INSTEAD--!
ZEEEENG
AJY--!
GO AND HEAL AJY THIS FIGHT IS MINE!
IS YOUR BRAIN INTACT ?
G-SISTER .. HE GOT ME..
ALITA

DOCTOR IDO..
IF I SHOULD EVER NOT COME BACK FROM A FLATLINE ATTACK, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY SISTER
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YOU'RE THE IMMORTAL CHAMPION! YOU'LL ALWAYS COME BACK TO LIFE!
DON'T TRY TO HIDE IT...
... THE RECONSTRUCTIVE BRAIN SURGERY I HAD. IT'S KILLING ME, ISN'T IT?

MY FINAL DEATH IS NEAR
....
I'M SORRY, JAGHUGAN. WITH ONLY THE TECHNOLOGY HERE IN THE SCRAPYARD, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO SAVE YOU...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, FRIEND THIS IS DESTINY.
BUT, I WILL NOT DIE UNTIL MY LAST GAME-- TO PRESERVE MY HONOR AS CHAMPION ..
...THE GAME AGAINST ALITA !
GO!
YAAAY

TOK
FWOK
GHOK
KABOOM
KWA HA HA HA HA!
ARMBLESSED EXTENDS HIS CHAIN BLADE AND DICES NO SO, FRANVERGE, ALONG THE TRANSAXIAL PLANE!
ZEEEENG
JENG
I LIVE! I KILL! AS A DESTROYER, I USE MY STRENGTH WITH MADDENING JOY!
IS IT SO FUN TO KILL!?
WAZZ
OF COURSE!
WEENG
AND COMPARED TO THAT, A CREATOR'S POWER IS NO MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY!

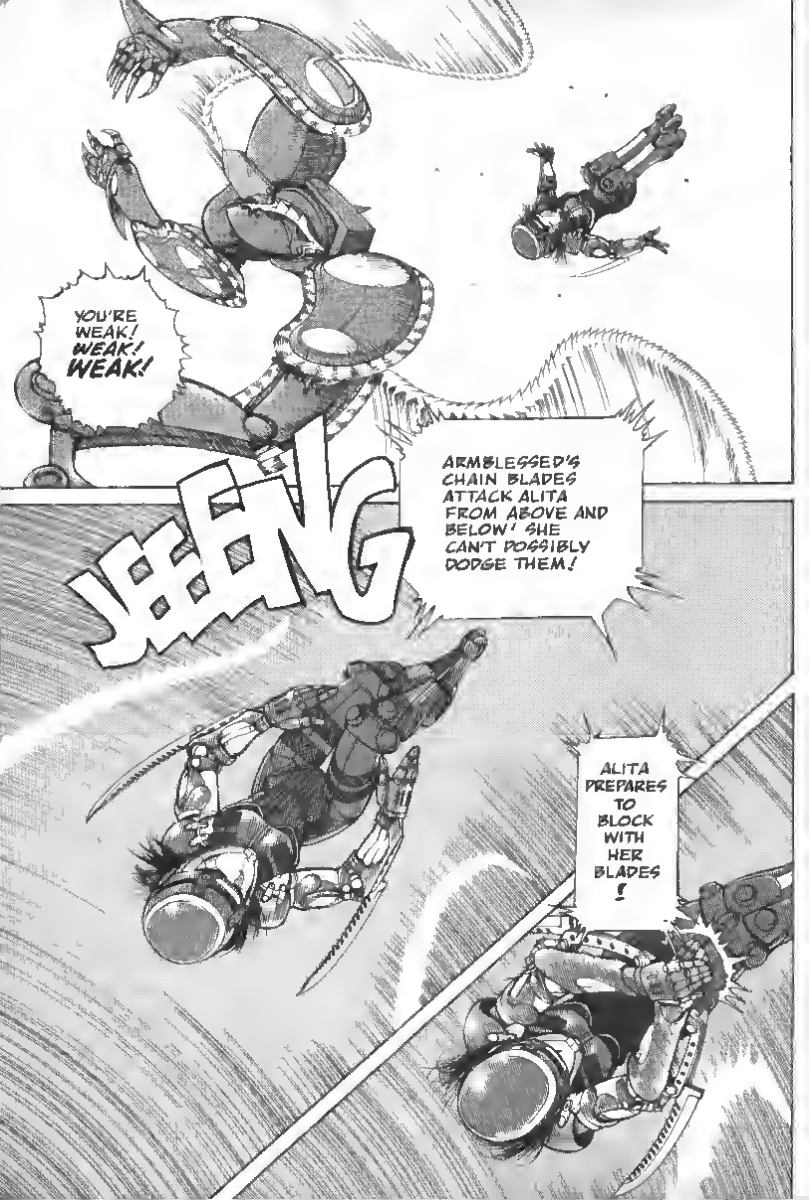
CAN'T GET TOO CLOSE! HIS CHAIN BLADE GOES STRAIGHT FOR THE VITAL AREAS!
09
TANG
WISH!
COME, GIRL! IT'S TIME TO DYE THIS TRACK PINK WITH YOUR BRAIN--AS I PROMISED!!
ZEEEEENG

HAA!
KA
YAAH!
URGOMMM

TAK
POI NG
66
NOW!
ZEEEENG
YOU FORGET, ARMBLESSED!
YOU'RE COMPLETELY VULNERABLE-- FROM ABOVE!
I FORGET NOTHING!

I KNEW YOU'D STUMBLE INTO THAT GAMBIT!
!
ARMELESSED IS CHANGING BACK-- PREPARING FOR AN AERIAL CONFRONTATION!
BAKUEEN
KANG
WA IANG

ALITA


YOU'RE WEAK! WEAK! WEAK!
SEEING
ARMBLESSED'S CHAIN BLADES ATTACK ALITA FROM ABOVE AND BELOW! SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY DODGE THEM!
ALITA PREPARES TO BLOCK WITH HER BLADES!

FOOLISH GIRL! MY CHAINS ARE EDGED WITH SUPER-HARD DIAMOND EDGES! YOU THINK YOUR CHEAP BLADES CAN STOP THEM!?
YOU'LL SEE THE DIFFERENCE THE PRICE MAKES!
TANG
ANG
ANG
HE CAN'T STOP MY DAMASCUS BLADES! HE CAN'T!
JANG
ZANG
YAAAAH! TAKE THIS! CORONAL SUTURE SLICE--!
CHANG

WAIT! THE CHAINS HAVE STOPPED SPINNING!
W-WHY--!?
ENOUGH!
SHK
SAASH
YOU'RE MINE!

FW
AM
AGH!
FROM THE RECOIL OF THE KICK, ALITA LANDS SAFELY BACK ON THE TRACK--BUT ARMBLESSED..
TOMP
SKREEKK
NOOOOO!
SWAK

"CALIGULA" LEAPS THE COURSE INTO THE HELL AREA--!
YAAAAY!
IS THE CHAMP DEAD OR ALIVE!?
HA! YOU'RE LUCKY I'M OUT OF THE RACE, ALITA!
IF I WAS STILL UP THERE, YOU'D BE MINCEMEAT!
VA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
LAUGH ALL YOU WANT, ARMBLESSED-- DOWN THERE IN HELL!
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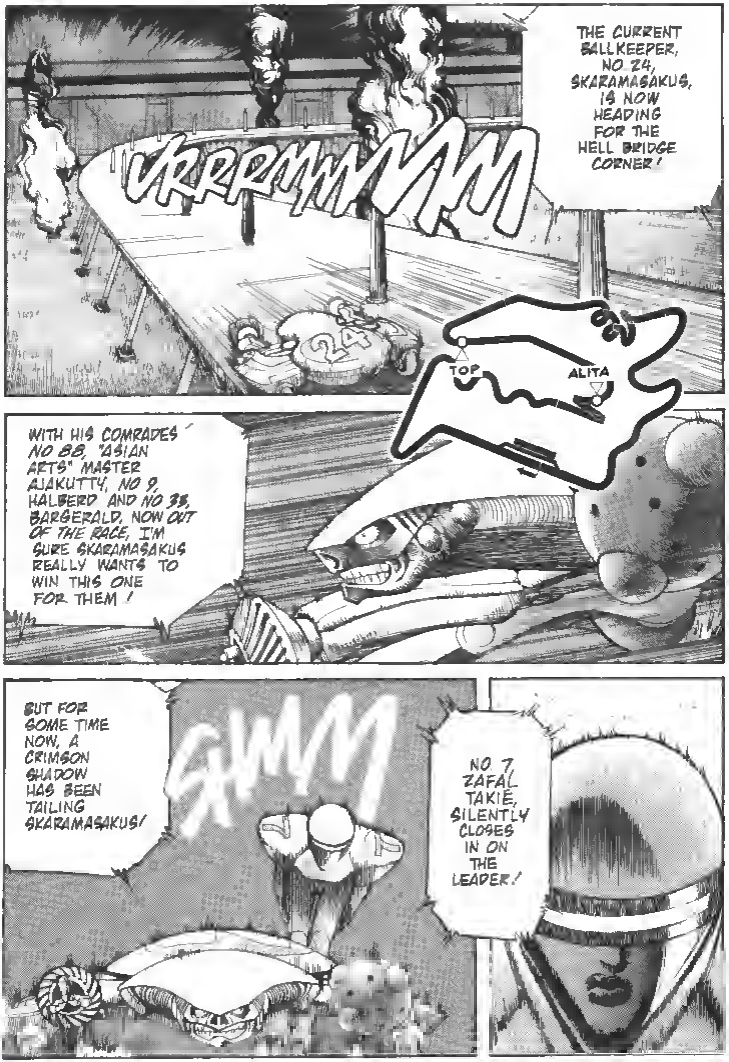
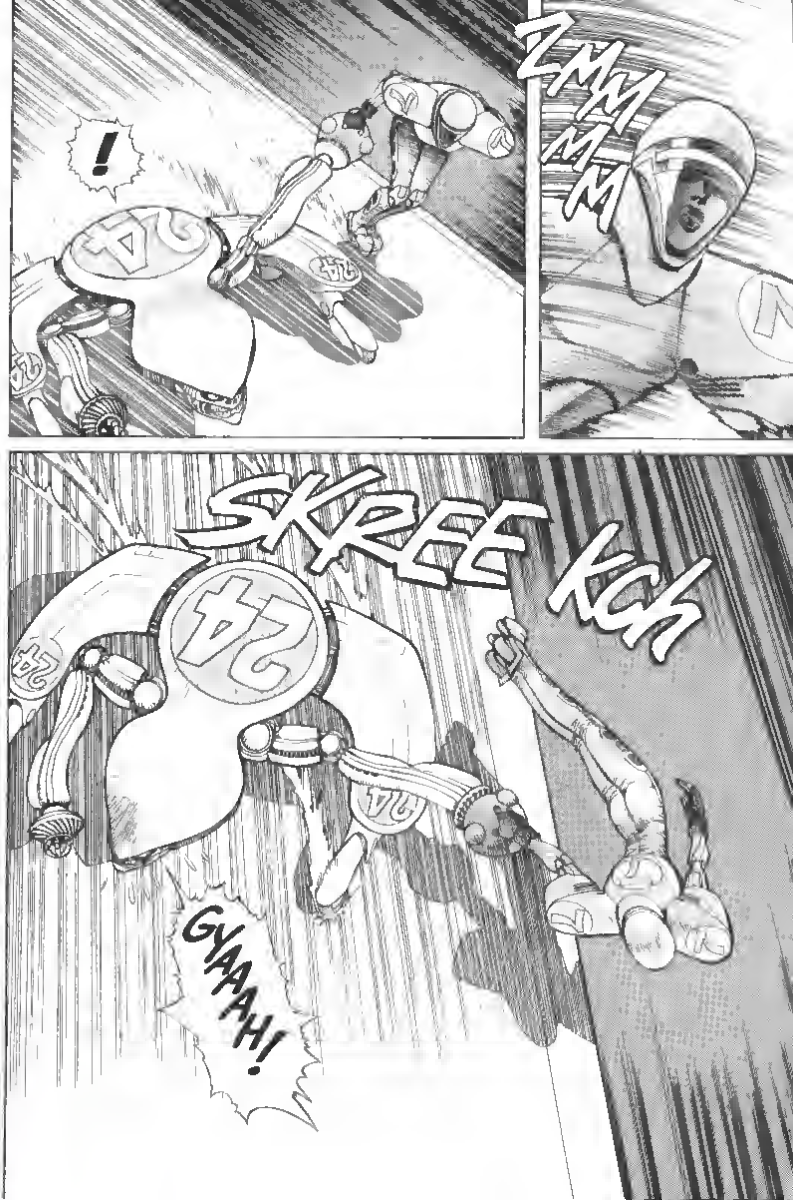

THE CURRENT BALLKEEPER, NO 24, SKARAMASAKUS, IS NOW HEADING FOR THE HELL BRIDGE CORNER!
GRRRMMMM
24
TOP
ALITA
WITH HIS COMRADES NO 88, "ASIAN ARTS" MASTER AJAKUTTY, NO 9, HALBERD AND NO 33, BARGERALD, NOW OUT OF THE RACE, I'M SURE SKARAMASAKUS REALLY WANTS TO WIN THIS ONE FOR THEM!
BUT FOR SOME TIME NOW, A CRIMSON SHADOW HAS BEEN TAILING SKARAMASAKUS!
SWM
NO 7, ZAFAL TAKIÉ, SILENTLY CLOSES IN ON THE LEADER!

THAT SPEEDY NUISANCE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER!
SKLEENG
SLASH
HE: YAAH!
FOOSH
SSHH
GLOM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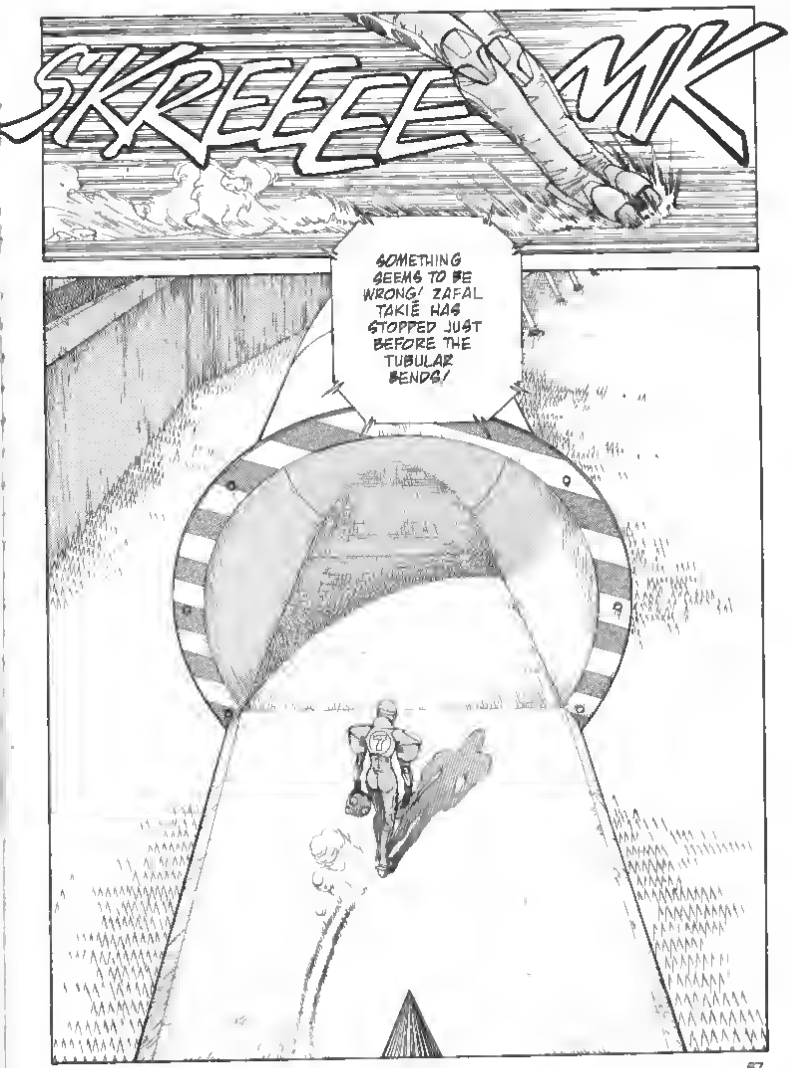
ZMMM
SKREE KCH
GYAAAH!

ARE YOU CRAZY, WOMAN--! IF YOU'RE TOO FAR OUT-- YOU'LL JUMP OFF THE COURSE--!
VWOON
SKARAMAGAKUS BRAKES TO SAVE HIMSELF--!
SKREEE
THEIR TIRES HAVE LOST GRIP! THE BATTLING OPPONENTS BEGIN TO SPIN, PUTTING TAKIE ON THE INSIDE!
SKASH
VOON VOON

KAKRANG
SPANG
AARGH!
YLIP
AND THAT CRASH THROWS GKARAMAGAKUS OUT OF THE RACE! ZAFAL TAKIE IS THE NEW BALLKEEPER!
BUT IS IT POSSIBLE THAT TAKIE HAD PLANNED THAT WHOLE VIOLENT EPISODE!?
SKEEE

BEFORE THEY HAVE GONE HALFWAY 'ROUND THE TRACK, FOURTEEN OUT OF EIGHTEEN IN THIS RACE HAVE CRASHED!
WITH THE USUAL HOPEFULS SUCH AS ARMBLESSED AND AJAKUTTY OUT OF THE RACE, THIS HAS BECOME A MAJOR UPSET!
NOW ONLY FOUR PLAYERS REMAIN IN THE GAME./
THE BALLKEEPER, NO 7, "CRIMSON WIND" ZAFAL TAKIE
.. WITH NO 99, "KILLING ANGEL" ALITA, CLOSE ON HER HEELS!
ALI
ALGO, NO 50, "SHAME OF THE SECOND" TIEGEL
ALIIITAAAA! WAAAAIITT FOR MEEEE!
AND LASTLY, NO 72, "AMAZING" MADOSEN


SKREEEE
MK
SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE WRONG! ZAFAL TAKIE HAS STOPPED JUST BEFORE THE TUBULAR BENDS!

THIS COULD BE A COMPLEX STRATEGY IN THE WORKS-- THE CRIMSON WIND AND THE KILLING ANGEL HAVE NEVER MET FACE TO FACE!
KAREEEN
ALITA
SKEEE

VOOSH
SHEEE
SKLANG

WHAT CAN ZAFAL TAKIE BE THINKING!? SHE JUST THREW THE MOTORBALL TO ALITA!
SKEECH
TUSH
.....
ALITA
VUSH

UNHEARD OF! ZAFAL TAKIE HAS THROWN DOWN THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE AGAINST ALITA!
YAAAAY
SHE PLANS TO HAVE COMPLETE VICTORY OVER ALITA--BY RECOVERING THE MOTORBALL FROM HER!
ALITA
GO FOR IT!

THE TWO PLAYERS ENTER THE TUBULAR BENDS TOGETHER
VWOOM
VMM
VMM
VMM
ALITA, DO YOU COPY? IT'S ME!
ED!

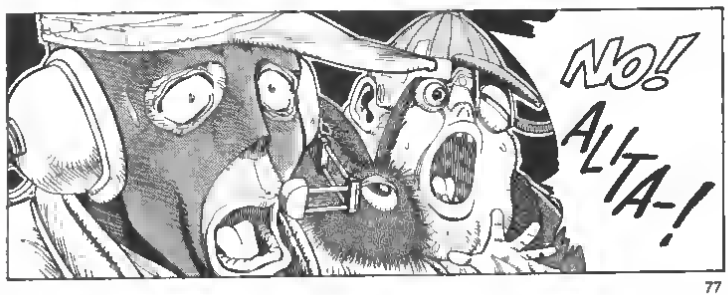
LISTEN UP! DON'T LET ZAFAL TAKIÉ RILE YOU!
HER FIGHTING STYLE IS CLEAN AND SIMPLE! SHE'LL MAKE YOU ATTACK SO THAT SHE CAN DODGE-- THEN HIT YOU WHILE YOU'RE VULNERABLE! HER TECHNIQUES ARE ALL DEFENSIVE!
IF YOU FALL FOR HER RUSE AND ATTACK-- YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO AVOID HER SPEED!
GALITA
OKAY-- GOT YA!
BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT MY STYLE TO BACK OFF FROM AN OPPONENT-- TO RUN FOR IT!
BUT I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT OF MY FIGHTING SKILLS AND SPEED! I'LL JUST LEAVE HER BREATHING MY DUST!
VOOM!!

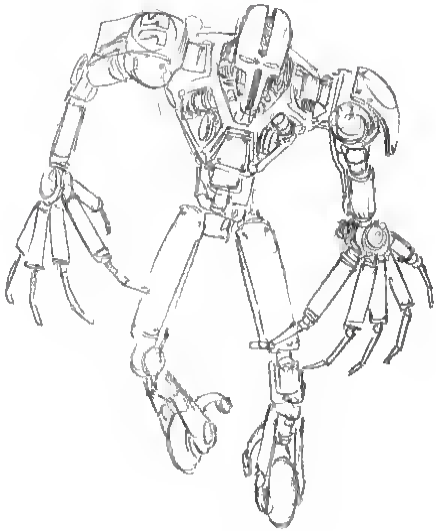
KUSH
SHE'S STILL RIGHT ON ME!
BOTH PLAYERS ARE ALREADY ENTERING THE TUBULAR COIL HILLS! HERE YOU MUST CAREFULLY READ THE TRACK--CONTROLLING SPEED TO SAFELY PASS THIS TRULY THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBSTACLE!
KROOM
WHOA! ALITA HAS PICKED UP SPEED AS SHE HEADS INTO THE COILS!

VOOOM
GOOOM
SHHHHHH
GRRRGH!
ALITA HAS CLEARED THE TUBULAR COIL HILLS AT AN INCREDIBLE PACE!
HOW'S THAT ?!
TOOM
ALITA

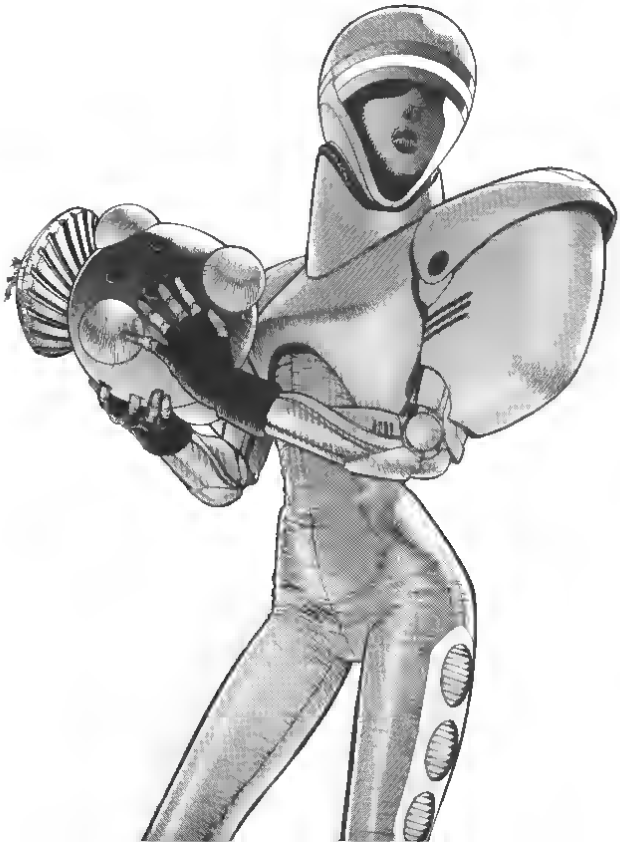
TOOM
TOOM
HUH?
POW
WAAH!
ZAMM
POW

KA
BLAM
IT'S AN UPSET! ALITA HAS FALLEN!
66


NO! ALITA-!



RED ZONE
Race 2: Fight Like the Wind

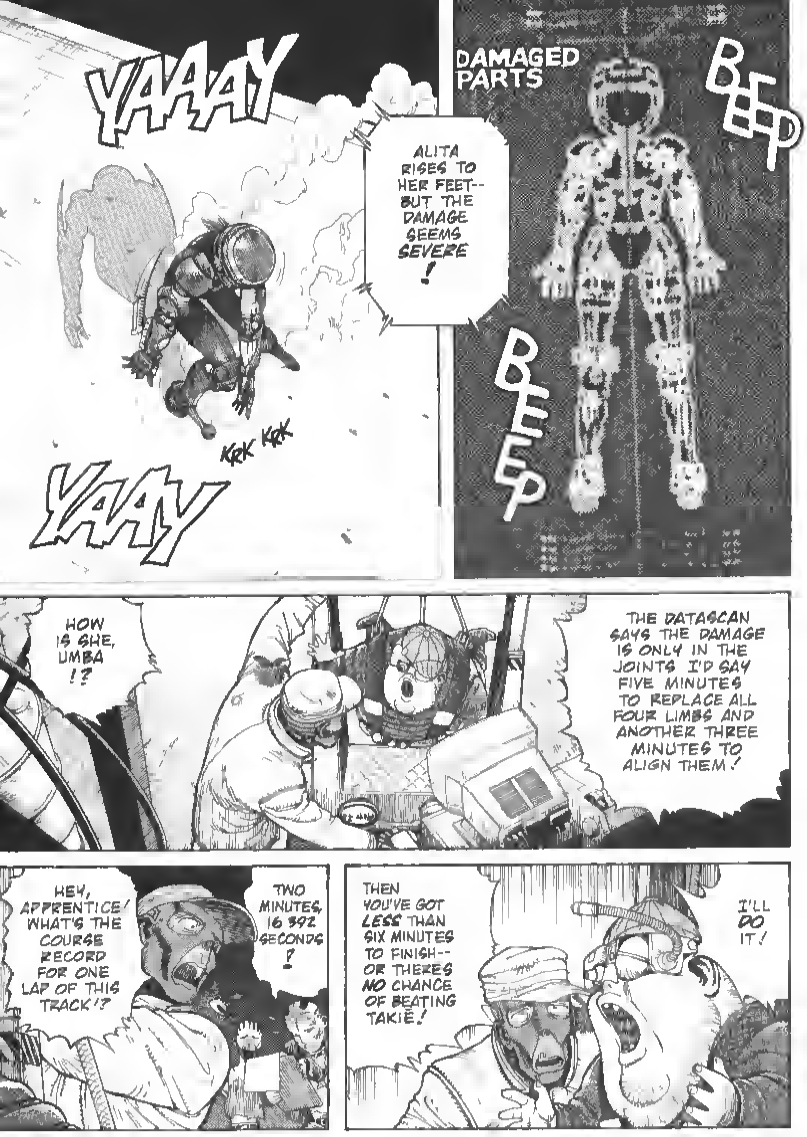


SPUT
U!
SPUT
OH! THIS IS SO HIGH!
Sputsput
20
URK...! I-I CAN'T CLIMB THIS... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
SLEE SLEE SLEE
SKLOOCH
AGGG!!
DUH?

IT'S AN UPSET! ALITA HAS FALLEN!
YAAAAAAY!!
WOOSH
KRANG KaTANG
EVEN NO 99 "KILLING ANGEL" ALITA, PROVES TO BE NO MATCH AGAINST NO 7, "CRIMSON WIND" ZAFAL TAKIE'S UNCANNY RACING SKILLS!

ALITA IS IN TROUBLE!
I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE...!
TOOSH TOOSH
TABASCO CHARGER!
GLUG GLUG GLUG
BLAHK!
SSSSSS

VRR R R RR
GAAA AAAH!
ALLLLTAAAH! I'M COMING--!
KA-VOOOOOOM!
SOMEHOW NO 50, TIEGEL, HAS FINALLY MANAGED TO CLEAR SOMERSAULT HILL!
BLOOP BLOOP
YIPE--!
BLOOP


YAAAAY
ALITA RISES TO HER FEET--BUT THE DAMAGE SEEMS SEVERE!
KRK KRK
YAAAY
DAMAGED PARTS
BEEP
BEEP
HOW IS SHE, UMBA!?
THE DATASCAN SAYS THE DAMAGE IS ONLY IN THE JOINTS I'D SAY FIVE MINUTES TO REPLACE ALL FOUR LIMBS AND ANOTHER THREE MINUTES TO ALIGN THEM!
HEY, APPRENTICE! WHAT'S THE COURSE RECORD FOR ONE LAP OF THIS TRACK!?
TWO MINUTES, 16.592 SECONDS!
THEN YOU'VE GOT LESS THAN SIX MINUTES TO FINISH--OR THERE'S NO CHANCE OF BEATING TAKIE!
I'LL DO IT!

WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS ALITA'S MINDSET..!
SHE WENT UP AGAINST TAKIÉ IN A RACE AND WAS UTTERLY DEFEATED! IF THIS CAUSES HER TO LOSE CONFIDENCE, SHE'LL LOSE NOT ONLY THIS RACE, BUT THE CHALLENGE AGAINST JOSHUGAN AS WELL!
VRREEEEEN
BALLKEEPER ZAFAL TAKIÉ RACES THROUGH THE DESERTED STRAIGHTAWAY WITH FOUR LAPS TO GO!
YAAAY! YAAY!
AND THIRTY-EIGHT SECONDS LATER, THE WOUNDED ALITA ENTERS THE PIT!

KANG FUP
ALITA !
THE BRAIN WAVES ARE NORMAL AND SHE'S CONSCIOUS!
CAN YOU REPLACE BOTH ARMS AND LEGS IN SIX MINUTES? UNASSISTED !?
HE'HI
THIS TIME, WE GOT THAT "OCTOPUS" EXOSKELETON FROM OUT OF THE PAWN SHOP! WITH THAT AND A SYNCHZONIZER, I THINK I CAN DO IT.!
CHAK

BING
CHING
RHYTHM IS EVERYTHING IN MECHANICS!
TANG/UHANG
FAST RHYTHM! FAST WORK!
WOW!
KA CHANG
UMBA IS A GENIUS! WHO ELSE COULD PROCESS INFORMATION FROM FIFTEEN SENSORS TO CONTROL TWENTY ARMS--SIMULTANEOUSLY DOING THE WORK OF TEN ENGINEERS!
ALITA... CAN YOU CONTINUE THE RACE?
BANG KANG

A RED MOUNTAIN
HUH? SNAP OUT OF IT! ARE YOU DREAMING?
SNAP
!?
CAN IT BE...? HAS YOUR MEMORY RETURNED !?
A HORRIFYINGLY HUGE RED MOUNTAIN...
THERE, IN IT'S WARMTH, I LEARNED TO FIGHT...

TAKIE TAUGHT ME WHAT IT MEANS TO FEAR' WHEN I FELT THE BITTER TASTE OF DEFEAT AS I FELL, AN IMAGE OF A MONSTROUS RED MOUNTAIN BECAME CLEAR IN MY HEAD..
THAT'S ALL I CAN REMEMBER-- FOR NOW.

AND THAT PLACE IS PROBABLY
MY HOME...

VROOM
VROOM
SHEOM
THE MOTORBALL GOES INTO ITS FINAL LAP! WILL ZAFAL TAKIE BE THE VICTOR--!?

N-NO! ALITA RETURNS TO THE BATTLE FROM THE PIT ROAD LIKE A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES!
IT SEEMS THAT THE FORTY KILOGRAM WEIGHT OF THE MOTORBALL IS ENOUGH TO SLOW ZAPAL TAKIÉ'S INCREDIBLE SPEED!
WILL ALITA BE ABLE TO DEFEAT TAKIÉ IN THE REMAINING LAP!?
ALITA

THE TWO APPROACH SOMERSAULT HILL! COULD ALITA, WHO FAVORS THE AERIAL ATTACK, TRY TO TAKE OUT TAKIE HERE!?
KWAAA
VMMSHOOM

HA, HA!
ALITA
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M GETTING OFF ON THE FUN OF BATTLE ON THE MOTORBALL CIRCUIT!
KA
PSH
I CAN REALLY TEST THE LIMITS OF MY STRENGTH HERE!
WHUD
ESSSH

IF YOU'RE ON THE DEFENSIVE, MY OFFENSE JUST HAS TO RIP!
TAKIE JUMPS?
ALITA POSITIONS HERSELF FOR A BACK KICK! FROM THIS POSITION, TAKIE WON'T BE ABLE TO STEER AROUND AND AVOID IT!
FWM
SHAAA
SWAK

THWOK
!
GOTCHA, GIRL-!
ALITA
THE BACK KICK WAS JUST A FEINT TO MAKE TAKIE JUMP! TAKIE HAS FALLEN FOR ALITA'S TRAP!

SKREEEE
ONCE DOWN ON THE PAVEMENT, TAKIE IS UNABLE TO FIGHT BACK! ALITA HAS PAID BACK HER PREVIOUS HUMILIATION!

KANG
TANG
AND THE MOTORBALL--
--AAAAH! THE MOTORBALL DROPS INTO THE HELL AREA!
FOLLOWING THE REGULATIONS, A NEW BALL IS READIED A MERE THIRTY METERS FROM THE FIN--
YAAY! GO
AH
HUH? WHAT'S THE MOTORBALL DOING HERE?
LUCK FOR ME!
RMM RMM
CAN IT BE-!?
RMMMMMM

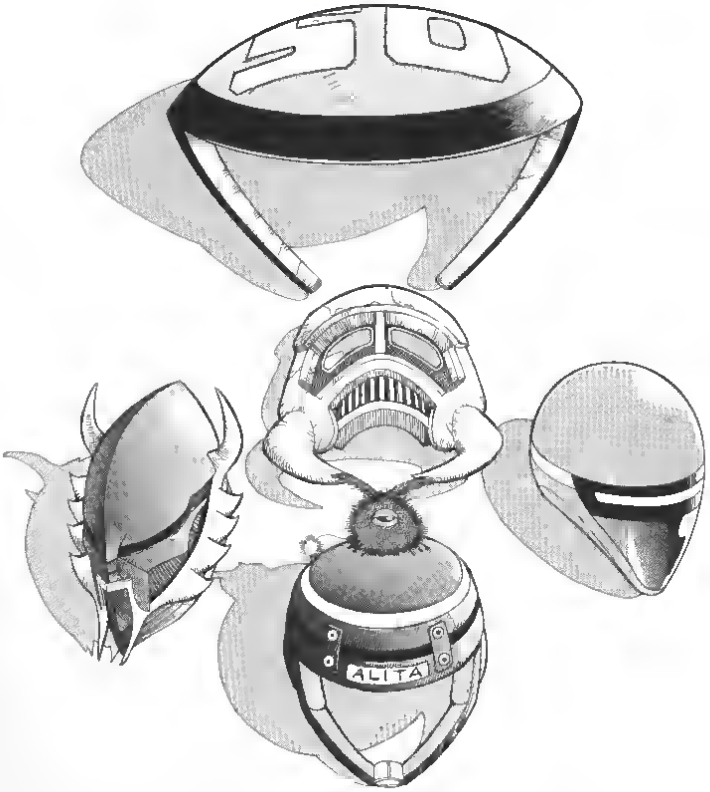
OH MY GOD-!
WHAT AN UPSET-!
NO 50, TIEGEL WINS THE RACE-!
GAAARGH
50
DUH?
?
?

I DID IT-!
TALK ABOUT AN INCREDIBLE LONG SHOT! IS THERE A SINGLE PERSON HERE WHO ACTUALLY BET ON TIEGEL!? BITTEREST IRONY, THIS TWISTED HAND OF FATE!
WAAAARGH!
MAAGH! GIMME A BREAK!
I WANT MY MONEY BACK!
I'LL KILL YOU-!
NO! THE CIRCUIT IS FILLED WITH ANGRY SPECTATORS- AND THEY'RE BEGINNING TO RIOT!
MONDARD
GRRRR
BLAM
KABLAM

A RED MOUNTAIN
I WAS ALWAYS VISITING A RED MOUNTAIN...
SKEESH
BLAM
...TO SEE HOW MUCH STRONGER I COULD BECOME...

CARRY ON THE DREAM

Race 3: Tradition



ESDOC MOTORS, HOME OF NO 99 "KILLING ANGEL" ALITA, IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THE FOUR MEMBERS OF HER CHALLENGE TEAM--READY TO RISK ALL AGAINST EMPEROR JASHUGAN
ESDOC MOTORS
99
NO 88, "CRUSHER" AJAKUTTY
NO 7, "CRIMSON WIND" ZAFAL TAKIE
THIS IS A SURPRISE--NO 50, TIEGEL
MY HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF-!
NO 1, "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSER
YOU MOCK ME! THERE'S NO WAY IM JOINING A TEAM FULL OF GRUNTS-!

AT THE END OF HER CHOICES, ALITA ADDS, "PS ANYONE WITH COMPLAINTS IS A COWARD." ANY COMMENT?
...AAAARGH
BIG BROTHER FIGHT THEM NEXT?
YES

OKAY.
TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT FLATLINE ATTACK, I'VE CREATED A DIRECT INTERFACE! NOW I CAN SEND SHUMIRA'S BRAIN-WAVE PATTERN VIA RADIO TO THE HEART OF JASHUGAN'S BRAIN.
IT'S NO SOLUTION, BUT IT'S THE BEST I CAN DO...
JASHUGAN, I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR SOME TIME NOW, BUT...
WHAT IS IT?
THE RECONSTRUCTIVE BRAIN SURGERY WHICH IS CAUSING YOUR FLATLINE ATTACKS--
--WHO PERFORMED THE OPERATION?
.....
NOT A STORY I LIKE TO REMEMBER. BACK WHEN I WAS JUST A ROOKIE IN THE TOP LEAGUE, I GOT INTO A DEADLY ACCIDENT. .

I SUFFERED MASSIVE BRAIN DAMAGE. IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I DIED...
THEN, A CYBERPHYSICIAN NAMED DESTY NOVA SHOWED UP AND, OVER A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS...
...HE PERFORMED A MIRACULOUS OPERATION ON MY BRAIN--THEN LEFT WITHOUT ACCEPTING ANY PAYMENT.
I WAS UNCONSCIOUS DURING THAT TIME, AND I NEVER SAW HIM. BUT HE SUPPOSEDLY HAD THE SAME MARKING ON HIS FOREHEAD AS YOU, DOCTOR IDO.
THE DOCTOR MARK!
I KNEW IT...A CITIZEN OF TIPHARES!
IF HE HADN'T PERFORMED THAT BRAIN RECONSTRUCTION, I WOULD NOT BE HERE--OR HAVE THE TITLE OF GRAND CHAMPION.
...IF ANYTHING, I'M GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HE DID.

CHANG
kaKANG
BLADE HOUSE
HEY, IS MY ORDER DONE ?
OH, ESDOC YEAH
HERE IT IS

I USED SOME RARE EARTH*-- FORGED THE TWO BLADES YOU GAVE ME INTO THAT SINGLE NUMBER...
IT'S ALMOST DIAMOND-HARD.. YOU'LL HAVE TO USE EITHER AN ULTRA HIGH-PRESSURE WATER STREAM OR SUPERSONIC WAVES TO TOUCH UP THE BLADE

*RARE MATERIALS SUCH AS SCANDIUM, YTTRIUM, LUTETIUM AND OTHER RARE ELEMENTS

HEH, MAKES ME REMEMBER THE GOOD OL' DAYS...
BACK THEN— JASHUGAN AND I WERE RIVALS. MY BLADES TECHNIQUES WERE JUST AS GOOD AS HIS "MASCHINE KLATSCH"!
BUT IN THAT BIG ACCIDENT, WE WERE SEVERELY INJURED...
...OUR LIVES CHANGED FOREVER!
WHEN I RETURNED TO THE CIRCUIT, EVEN THE MOST EXPENSIVE DRUG INJECTIONS COULDN'T INCREASE MY NERVOUS SYSTEM'S REACTION SPEED TO THE LEVEL OF JASHUGAN'S!
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, JASHUGAN WAS THE UNDEFEATED GRAND CHAMP...
THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE!
CHAMPION JASHUGAN
MOTORBALL
AND I WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO RACE, DUE TO THE TERMINAL FROST CAUSED BY MY ABUSE OF THE ACCELERATION DRUG

TEKKA
TAKKA
CHEKKA
WHY SHOULD HE GET ALL THE GLORY!?
IT'S NOT FAIR, DAMMIT... IT'S JUST NOT FAIR!
SKUNCH
HEH HEH... BUT WHEN ALITA DEFEATS JASHUGAN WITH THIS BLADE THEN I WILL KNOW VICTORY!
IN MY PLACE, ALITA... MY KILLING ANGEL... WILL RULE THE MOTORBALL CIRCUIT!
ANYWAY, HOW MUCH FOR THE BLADE, LAM DAO?
AWW WE'RE FRIENDS. I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHIPS FROM YOU
BUT, IF YOUR PLAYER SHOULD DIE, LET ME HAVE HER BODY
GAHAHA
. I'M SURE SHE'D MAKE A FINE BLADE!

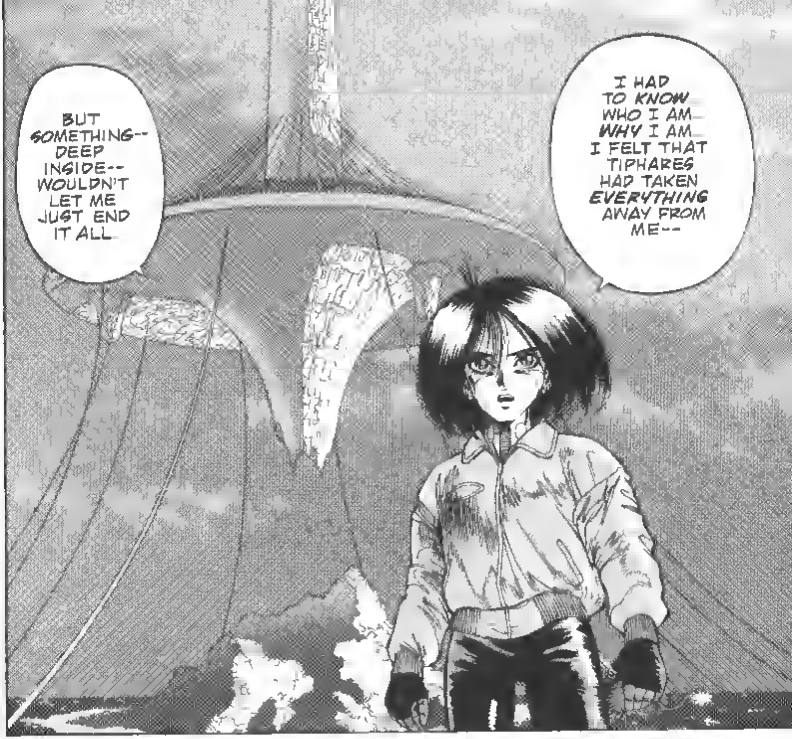
UHHH
HUMM
OHHH — MY LORDS! KEEPERS IN HEAVEN! HEAR US, GODS OF TIPHARES!
HEAR THE PRAYERS OF YOUR HUMBLE BELIEVERS—

KABOOM
MMM
MMM
ALITA...

YOU CALLED ME OUT TO THE CENTER OF THE SCRAP
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

SUCH A VIEW OF TIPHARES YES?
I-I DID SOME RESEARCH
IT SEEMS THAT THE MOTORBALL CIRCUIT FACILITIES ARE MOSTLY FUNDED BY THE FACTORY"
.....
SO BASICALLY, THE EVENT KNOWN AS MOTORBALL
IS NOTHING BUT A TOOL SET UP BY TIPHARES--IT RELIEVES THE FRUSTRATION THAT BUILDS AMONG THE SCRAP-YARD DWELLERS AS THE POPULATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

THE PEOPLE HERE ARE CRAVING AN IDOL TO WORSHIP
DID YOU JOIN THE MOTORBALL LEAGUE TO BECOME SOME KIND OF SAVIOR?
NO-!
HUMMMM
WHEN I LOST HUGO, I
- I FELT AS IF I WANTED TO DIE FROM ALL THE SADNESS.

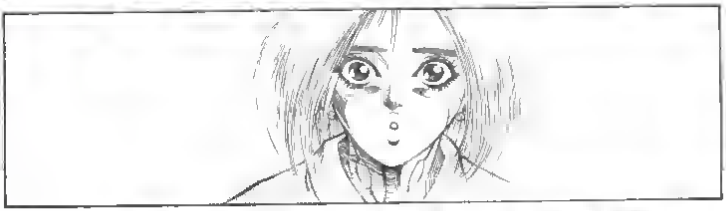

BUT SOMETHING-- DEEP INSIDE-- WOULDN'T LET ME JUST END IT ALL...
I HAD TO KNOW WHO I AM... WHY I AM... I FELT THAT TIPHARES HAD TAKEN EVERYTHING AWAY FROM ME--

--AND ANY PITY OR SYMPATHY WOULD HAVE FELT WORSE THAN DEATH! MOTOR-BALL WAS MY SALVATION, THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP GOING.

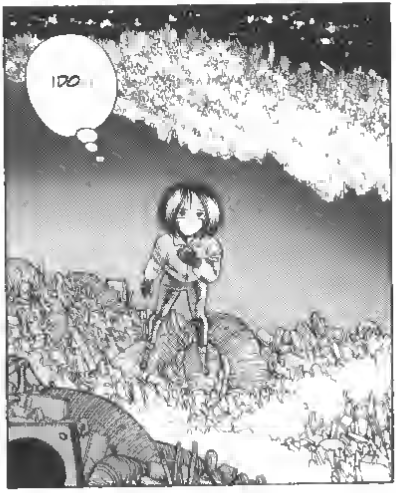
.....

I DON'T REGRET JOINING THE ARENA
I'VE MET MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE— AND I THINK I'VE GROWN A LITTLE, TOO.
THAT ANSWER-- SO LIKE YOU.
...DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID TO ME ONCE?
"NO MATTER HOW I MAY SEEM TO CHANGE FROM THIS POINT ON, I'LL STILL BE THE ALITA YOU KNOW"
I BELIEVE THAT--THEN AND NOW
NO MATTER HOW YOU MIGHT CHANGE OR WHERE YOU MIGHT GO

...BECAUSE, ALITA-- YOU'RE THE ONLY FAMILY I'VE GOT...



IF YOU EVER GET TIRED OF MOTORBALL, COME HOME
AND BE CAREFUL IN YOUR CHALLENGE MATCH AGAINST JASHUGAN.


I DO...

AH! IT IS YOU, JASHUGAN...

I KNEW YOUR TIME WAS APPROACHING
MASTER...
COME
ZAA
ALL RIGHT
MOWWW

ZWOOM
SLISH
SLISH
SHAAA
SLISH
SLISH
KREEEEM

GRRT
KREOW
UGH
KABLAM
FUMP
WHMP

M-MAGNIFICENT! YOU'VE MASTERED THE CHI TECHNIQUE OF REFLECTIVE RESONANCE*.
KACHEK
TEK
KACHEK
BUT I STILL SENSE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU...
.....
I FEAR...
...MY ABSOLUTE DEATH.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HEARING THIS FROM YOU...!
THE SECRET OF MASCHINE KLATSCH IS TO SYNCHRONIZE WITH THE ROTATING MACHINE--
--AND MACHINES DO NOT FEAR DEATH!

*BY MATCHING THE OPPONENT'S FLOW OF "CHI," THE VITAL LIFE FORCE IN THE BODY SAID TO BE REGULATED BY ACUPUNCTURE, AN INCREDIBLY DESTRUCTIVE VIBRATORY FEEDBACK IS CREATED

I... I DON'T WISH TO BECOME A MACHINE!
I WANT TO GO BEYOND THE MACHINE!
AH, BUT MAN IS A MOLECULAR MACHINE...
...EVER-EVOLVING AND INCOMPLETE.../
YOU HAVE A SISTER, DO YOU NOT? SHE IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR DOUBT...
KILL HER!
!?
.....
MACHINES... DO NOT NEED... LOVE
KYEEH!

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
YOU'RE GOING TO QUIT MOTORBALL AFTER YOUR GAME WITH JASHUGAN !?
IT'S NOTHING TO YELL ABOUT...!
AFTER THIS NEXT GAME, I'LL HAVE FULFILLED THE TWELVE RACES I CONTRACTED FOR
I WON'T ALLOW IT!

LISTEN! THE TOP LEAGUE GAMES ARE BROADCAST EVEN IN TIPHARES! AFTER YOU DEFEAT JASHUGAN ON THE CIRCUIT, YOU'RE GOING TO RISE UP AS THE NEW SUPERSTAR OF THE MOTOR-BALL WORLD!
IT'S ALL YOURS FOR THE TAKING--THE HONOR, THE GLORY! YOU HAVE THE SKILL TO MAKE IT!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO ED!? IT'S LIKE HE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON THAN BEFORE!
OOMF
FWAP
!
KEEP YOUR HONOR AND GLORY!

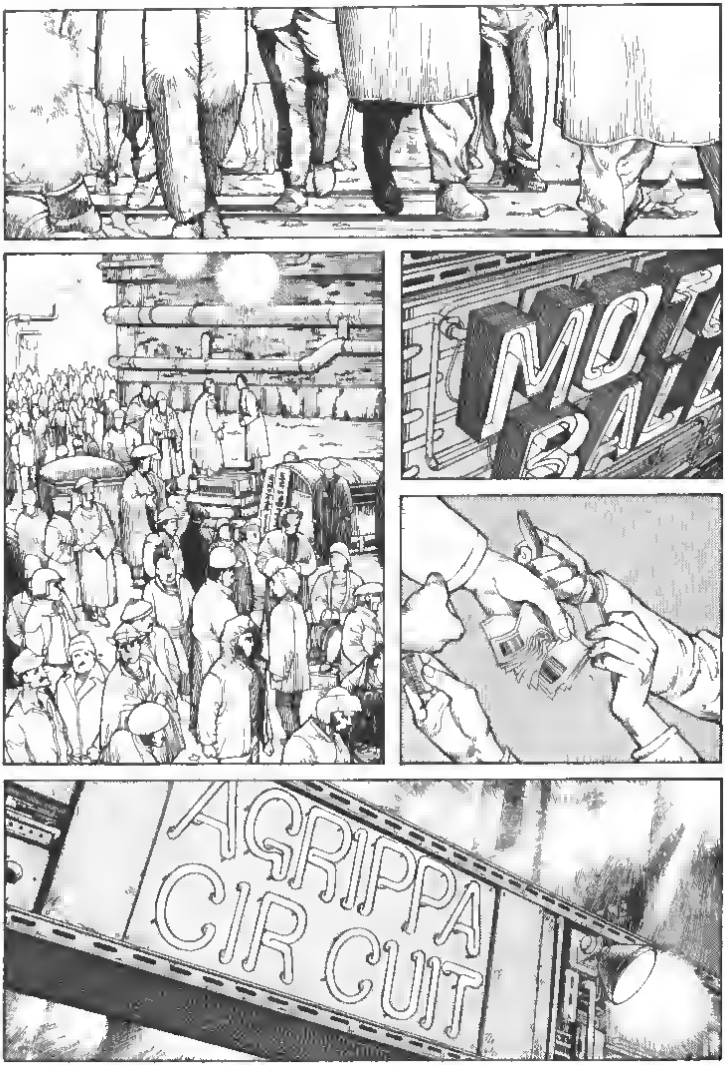
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOUR SELFISHNESS!
COME ON! I'M GOING TO CALL MR THOMPSON AND RENEW YOUR CONTRACT!
.....
OF ALL THE PEOPLE I THOUGHT ED WOULD ALWAYS UNDERSTAND ME
OUTTA THE WAY! GET HER AUTOGRAPH SOME OTHER TIME!
H-HEY! IT'S ALITA!
HELL! THIS GUY'S ON SOMETHING..
EH, HEH, HEH... I HAVE PRESENT FOR ALITA...

!?
EH, HEH, HEH.
CHAK
LOOK OUT, ALITA!
FOOP
KA
BLAM
E-ED-!?

BULL'S-EYE! HAPPY! TRIPPY! ENTROPY!
GA HA HA
SKORK
EEP!
DAMN. GUESS MY RUN OF BAD LUCK NEVER ENDS
A-ALITA THIS IS YOUR NEW BLADE.

.. LISTEN.. DON'T YOU DARE LOSE..
D-DAMN MY ARM.
CHEKKA
CHEKKA
TEKKA
I NEED MY MEDI.
TCH
TCH TCH

OUTSIDER
Race 4: Mystery Dance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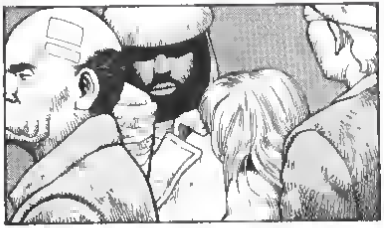
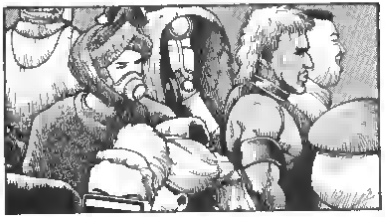
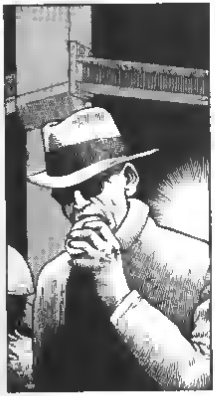
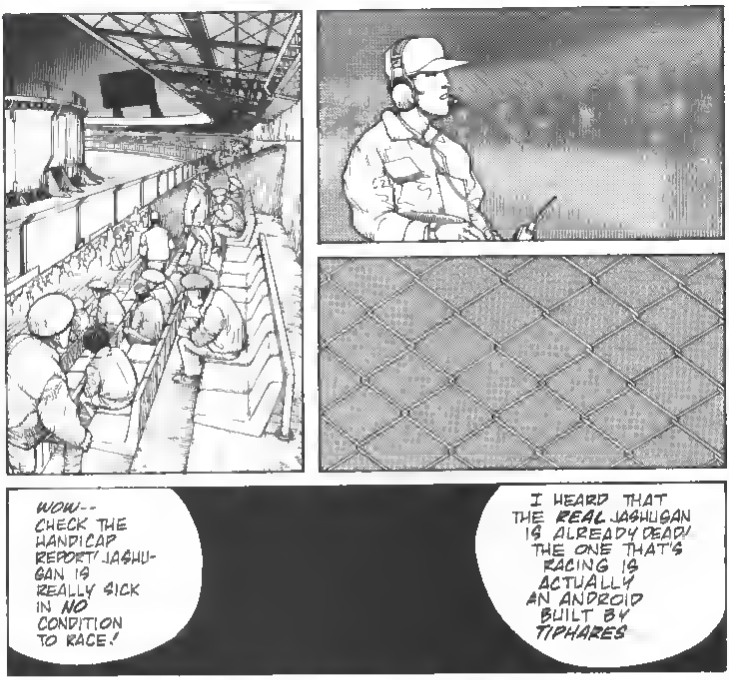




MOTORBALL
AL
EL
TOP OF MOTORBA
REAL
DUEL
CHAMPION
JAPHUAN

DIDJA HEAR? THEY SAY ALITA'S TRAINER WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY SOME JUNKIE...!
YEAH... I WONDER IF THAT RUMOR ABOUT ALITA QUITTIN' MOTORBALL AFTER THIS MATCH IS TRUE...




WOW--
CHECK THE HANDICAP REPORT! JAGHUGAN IS REALLY SICK IN NO CONDITION TO RACE!
I HEARD THAT THE REAL JAGHUGAN IS ALREADY DEAD! THE ONE THAT'S RACING IS ACTUALLY AN ANDROID BUILT BY TIPHARES
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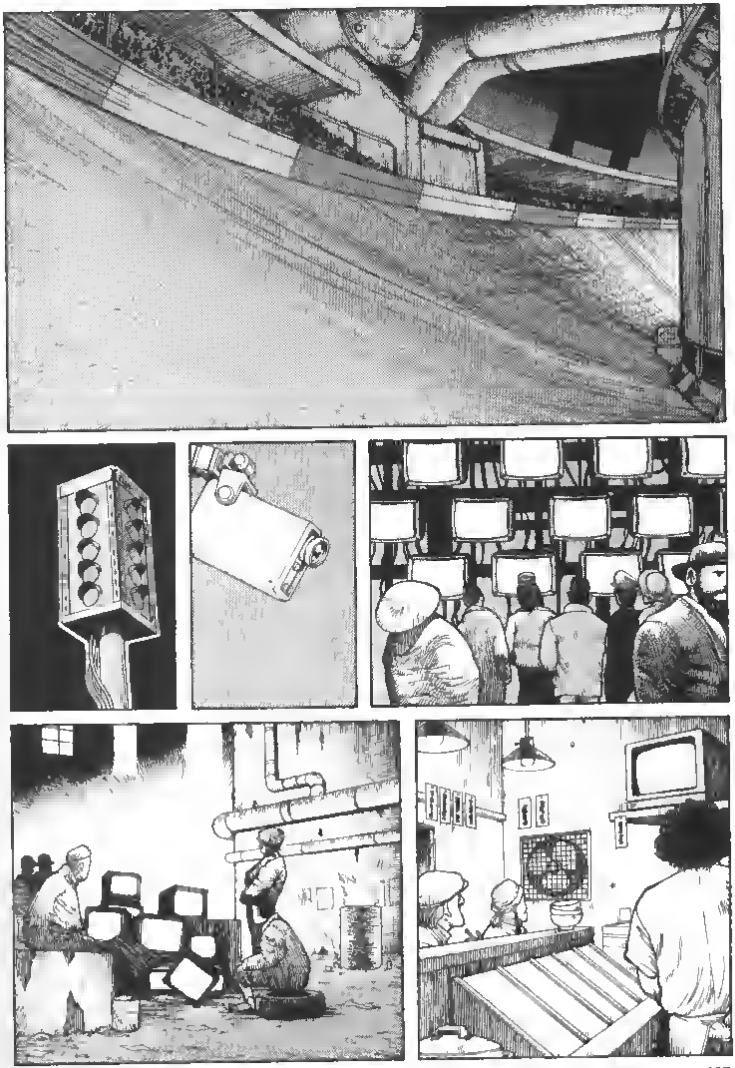

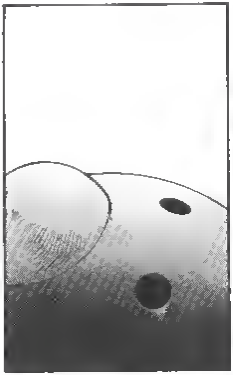

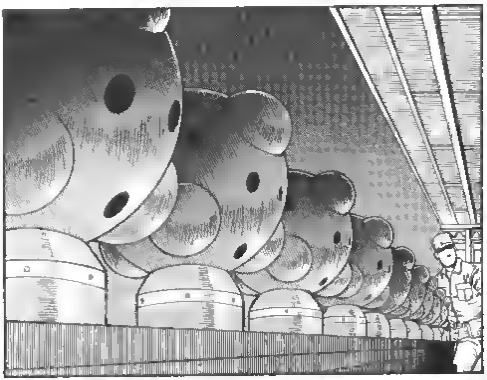

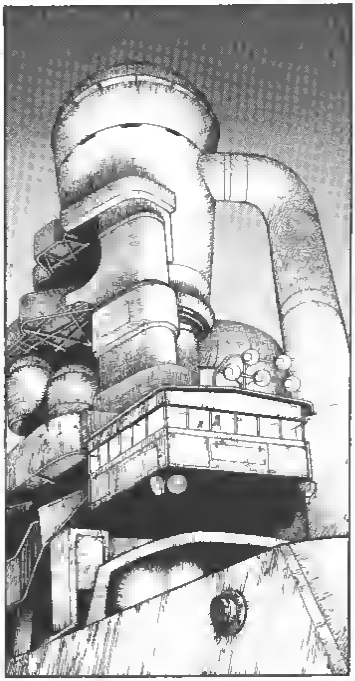

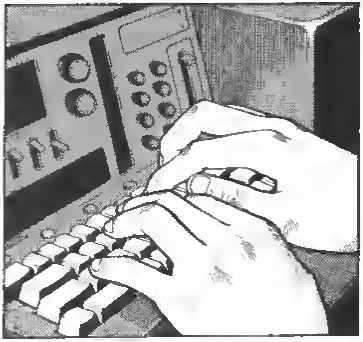

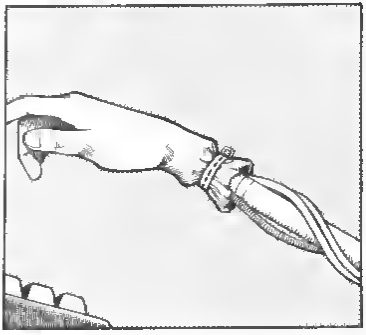

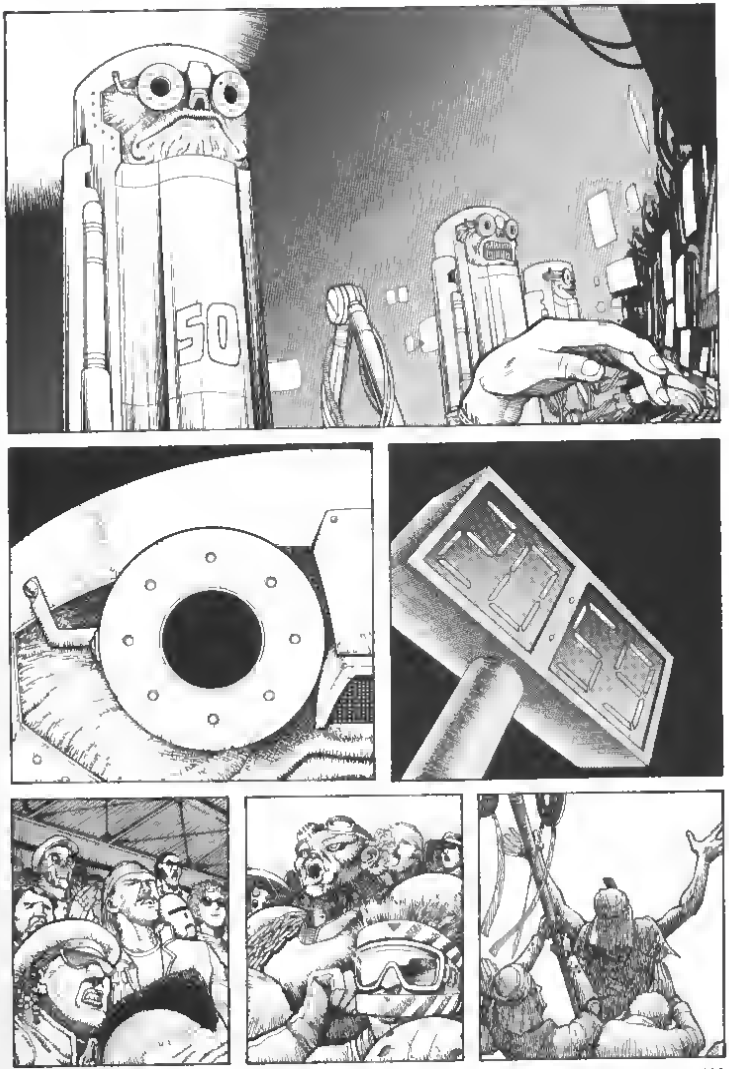
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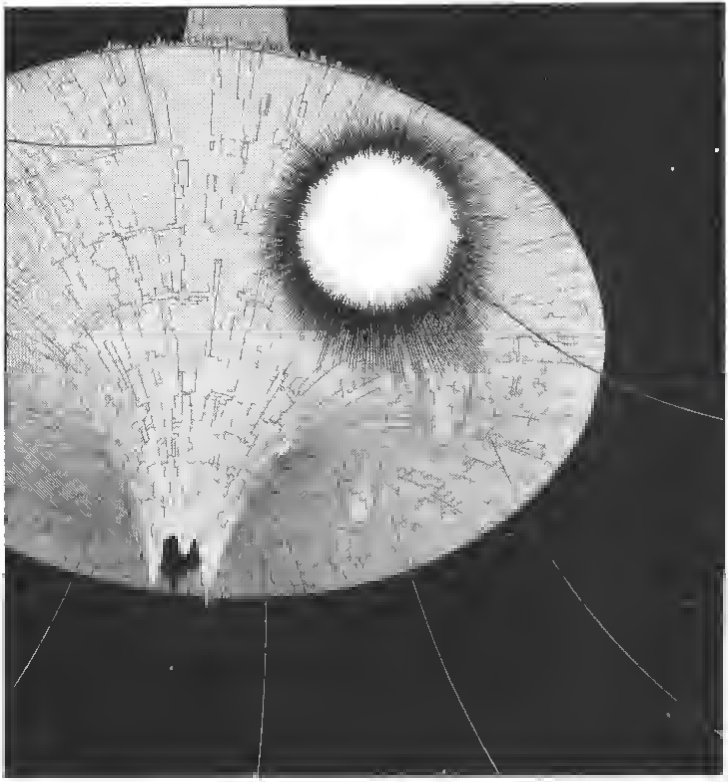
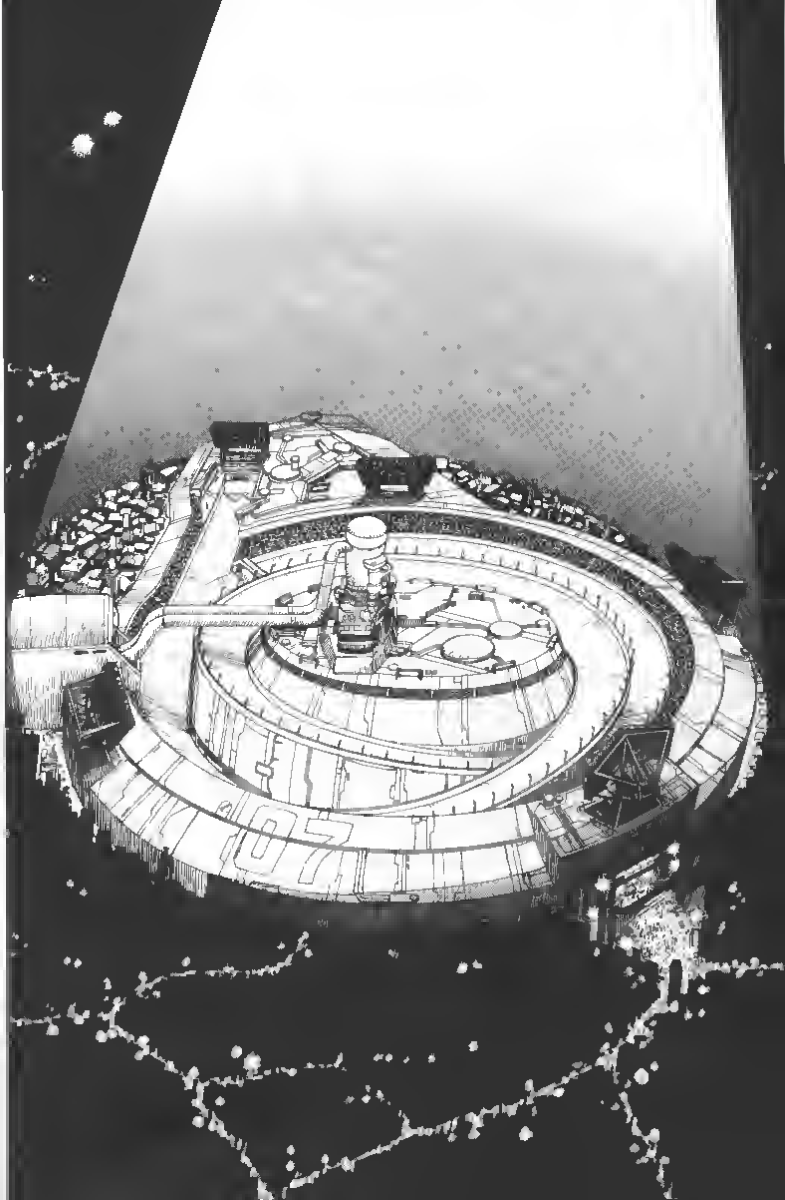




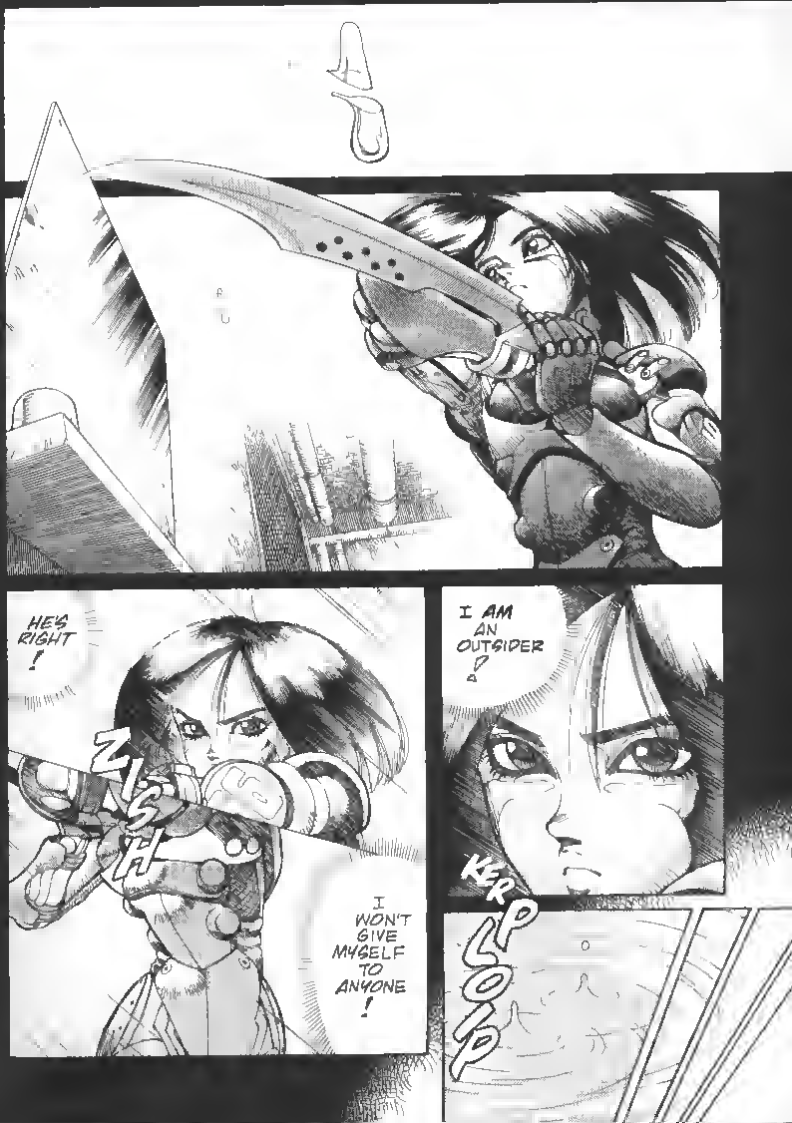
YAAAY!
HOORAY!

WAAAA
WOOOO
YAAAAA
BOOO
GO HOME!
BONK
BOOO
ED

KER PLOP
MY SELFISHNESS...
...THAT'S WHAT KILLED ED
I--
KER PLOP

WAAAA!
ED!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW THAT ED'S DEAD!?
UMBA..
UWAH... AHH...
GASP
ALITA-- I CAN'T SURVIVE ON MY OWN...
SISTER
...IS IT TRUE YOU'RE QUITTING AFTER THIS GAME!?

WAS MOTORBALL NOTHING BUT A STEPPING STONE TO YOU, SISTER !?
MY LIFE ISN'T HERE ON THE CIRCUIT..
NO--NOT UNLESS YOU TRULY GIVE YOURSELF TO THE GAME.
REAL MOTORBALLERS WE'LL DO ANYTHING TO BRING THE SPECTATORS IN BY THE ONE TRUE MEASURE, THAT SPITEFUL ARMBLESSED MY POOR DEAD DISCIPLES--AND EVEN THAT SLUG, TIEGEL EACH IS A REAL MOTORBALLER.
BUT NOT YOU, SISTER...
...YOU'RE NOT A MOTOR-BALLER.. NOT ONE OF US...
...YOU'RE AN OUTSIDER.


A
I AM AN OUTSIDER
KER LOP
HE'S RIGHT!
ZISH
I WON'T GIVE MYSELF TO ANYONE!

RAAAAHH!!
LOOK! HE'S GOT BOTH OF HIS ARMS! NO HANDICAP!
THE EMPEROR IS SERIOUS!

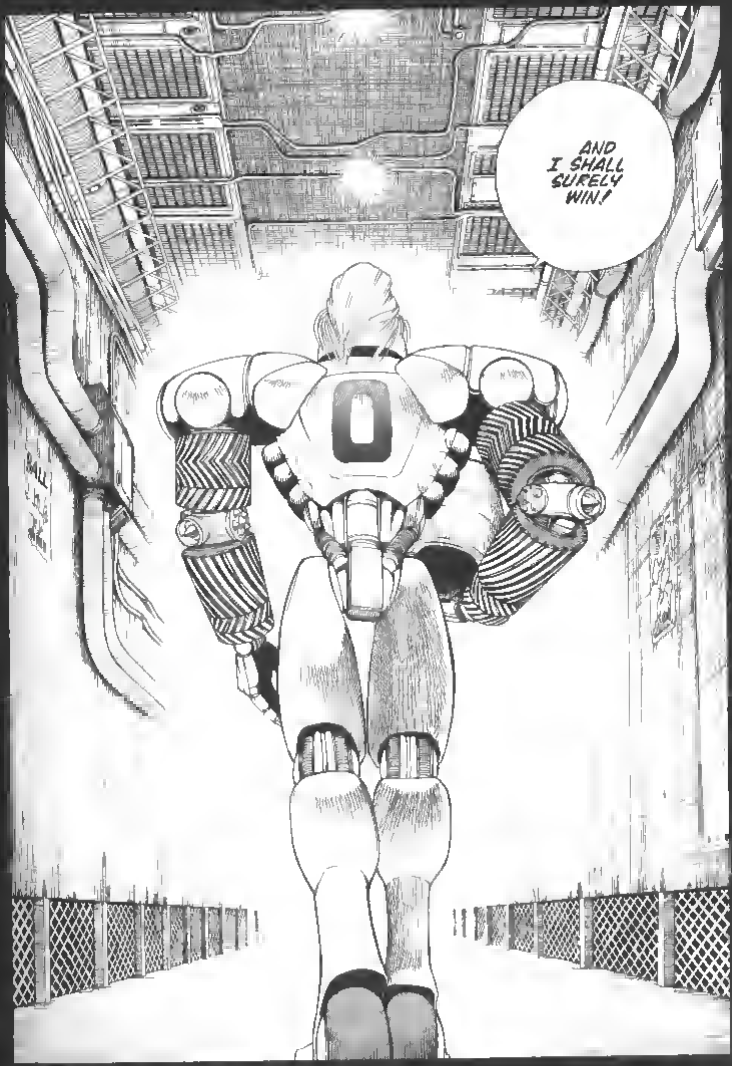
UHNN... UNGH...
...I... I'M GOING TO DIE SOON...
THERE IS NO PAIN... BUT THIS FEELING IN THE BACK OF MY MOUTH... THIS TASTE... IT'S THE TASTE OF... DEATH!
A PHANTOM SENSATION FROM A DYING BRAIN...
...IS THIS HOW IT ENDS?! NO! I WON'T PLEASE THE CROWDS BY DYING SO EASILY...!
SOMEONE ONCE SAID, HEROES SHOULD BE KILLED...
...BUT, I... I'M THE CHAMPION!

BIG BROTHER !
YOU WIN IN GAME TODAY! OKAY!? GOOD LUCK! HERE!
HEE, HEE! SHUMIRA MAKE YOU GOOD LUCK CHARM!
YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY TALENTED
I DO SAY AFTER THIS RACE BIG BROTHER NO HAVE TO RACE ANYMORE.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS..
.. SHUMIRA BE REALLY BUSY MAKING YOU MEALS EVERYDAY!

IS BIG BROTHER CRYING?
SHUMIRA-- I WANT YOU TO MARRY ID0!
HUH?

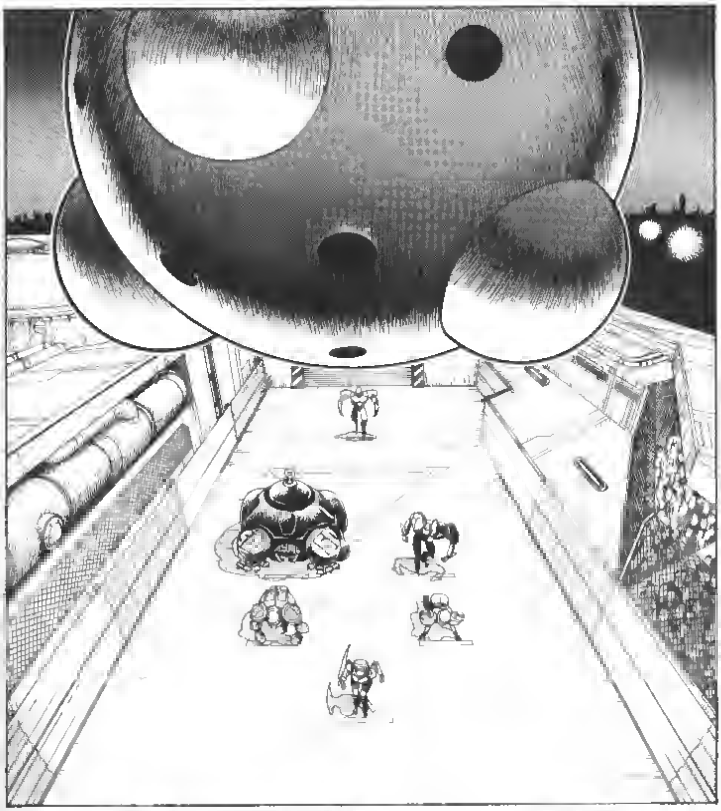
SHUMIRA !?
I'VE SEDATED HER SHE WON'T WAKE UP FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS
BUT SHUMIRA IS YOUR LIFELINE... WHY!?

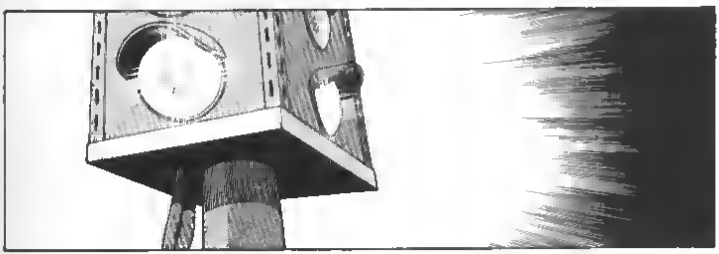
UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR MYSELF...
...BUT FOR THIS LAST RACE, I WANT TO FIGHT FOR HER...
...SO THAT SHUMIRA CAN WALK PROUDLY AS THE CHAMPION'S SISTER...
...SO THAT SHE CAN LIVE ON-- STRONG
JASHUGAN ?
THIS LAST FIGHT WILL NOT BE A MISERABLE ONE...

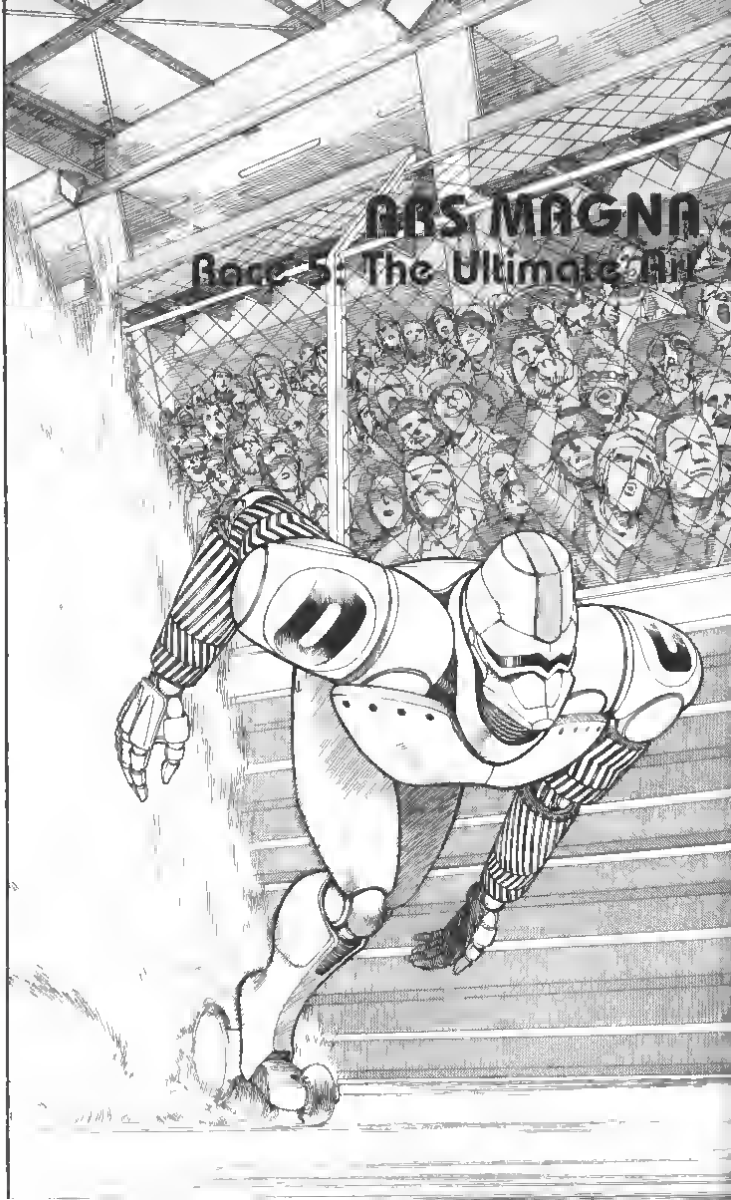

AND I SHALL SURELY WIN!

KATANG
YAAAAY
CHAK
YAAAAY!

SHAFWANG
AND THE RACE...
BEGINS!



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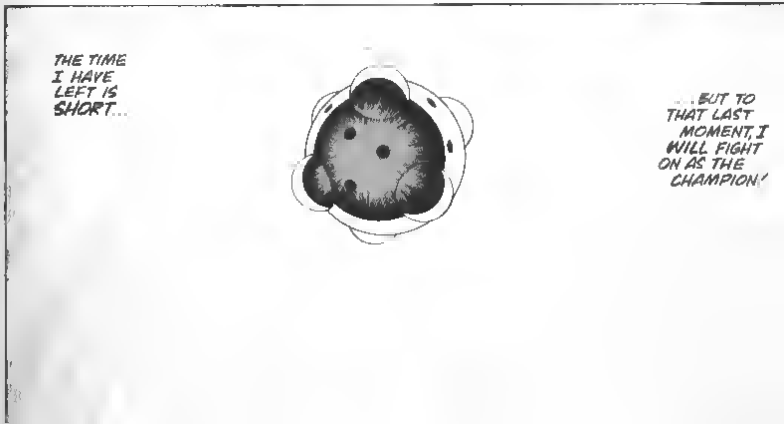
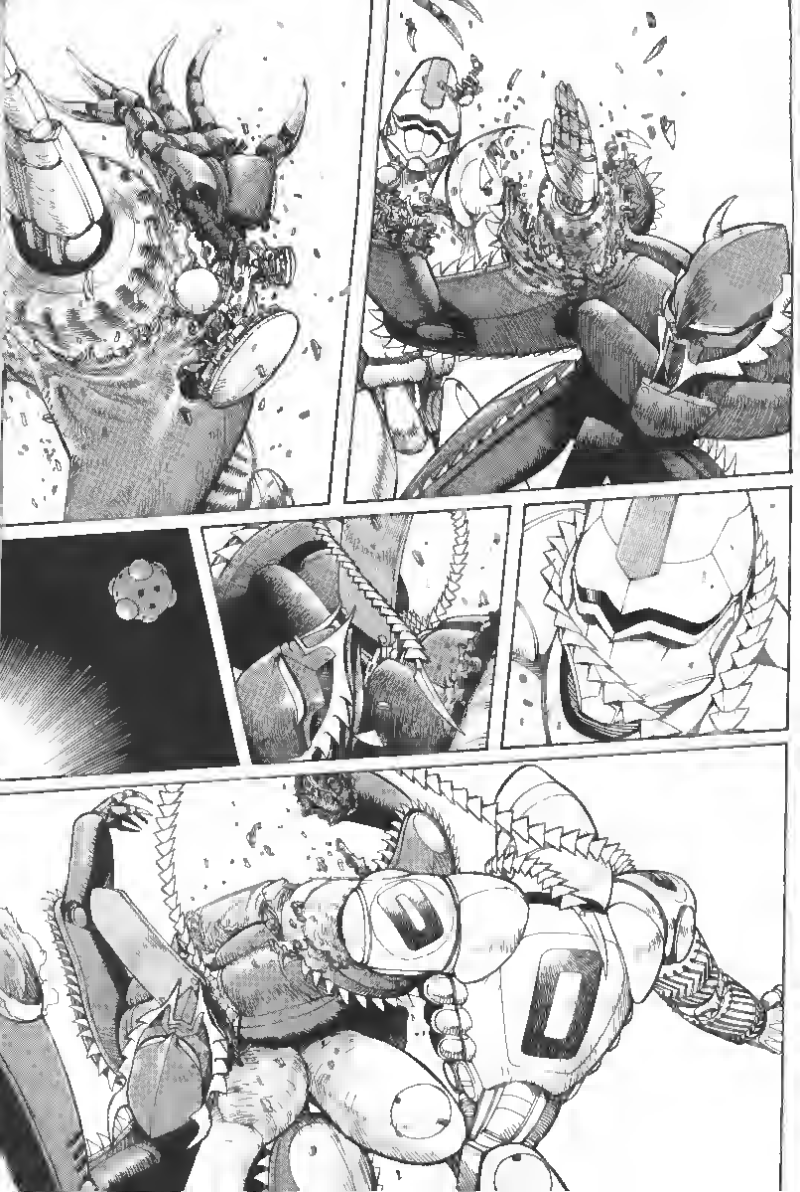
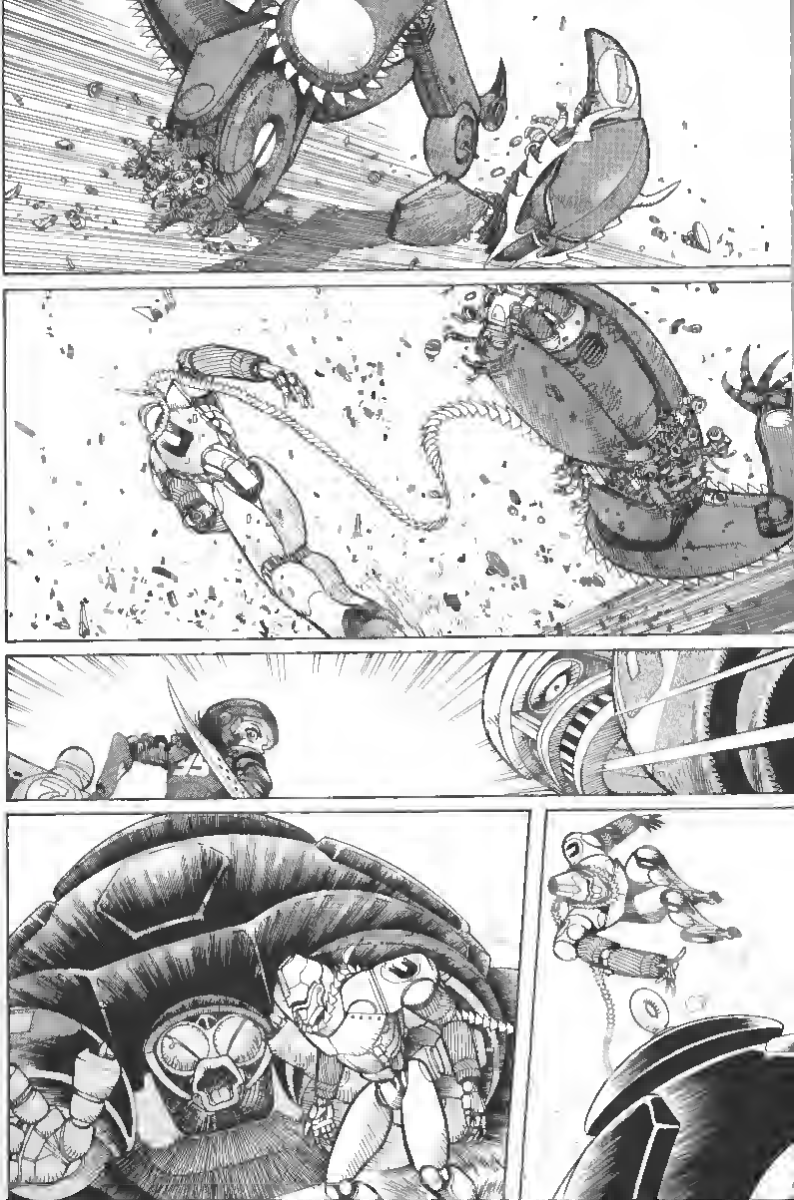
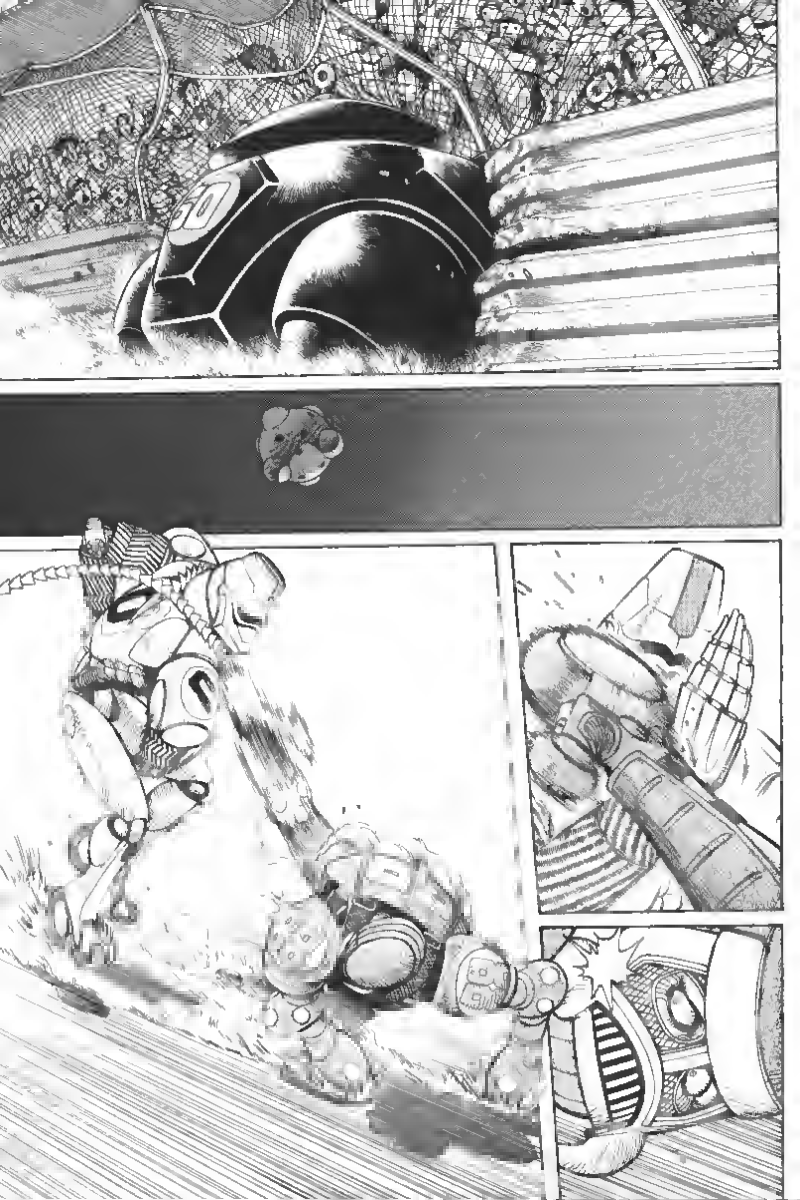
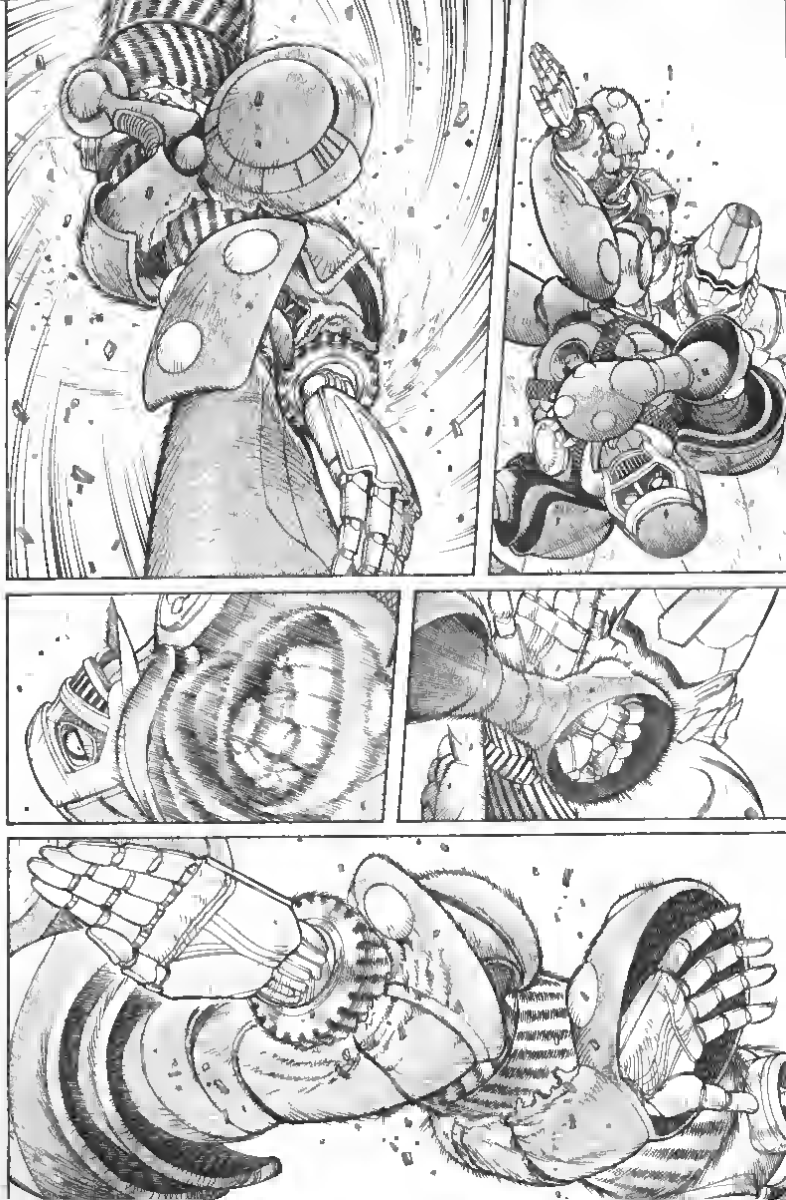
SHSHH
SHSH
YRRM
YMM
ARE YOU WATCHING, TIPHARES !?
DO YOU SEE ME !?


THE TIME I HAVE LEFT IS SHORT...
...BUT TO THAT LAST MOMENT, I WILL FIGHT ON AS THE CHAMPION!









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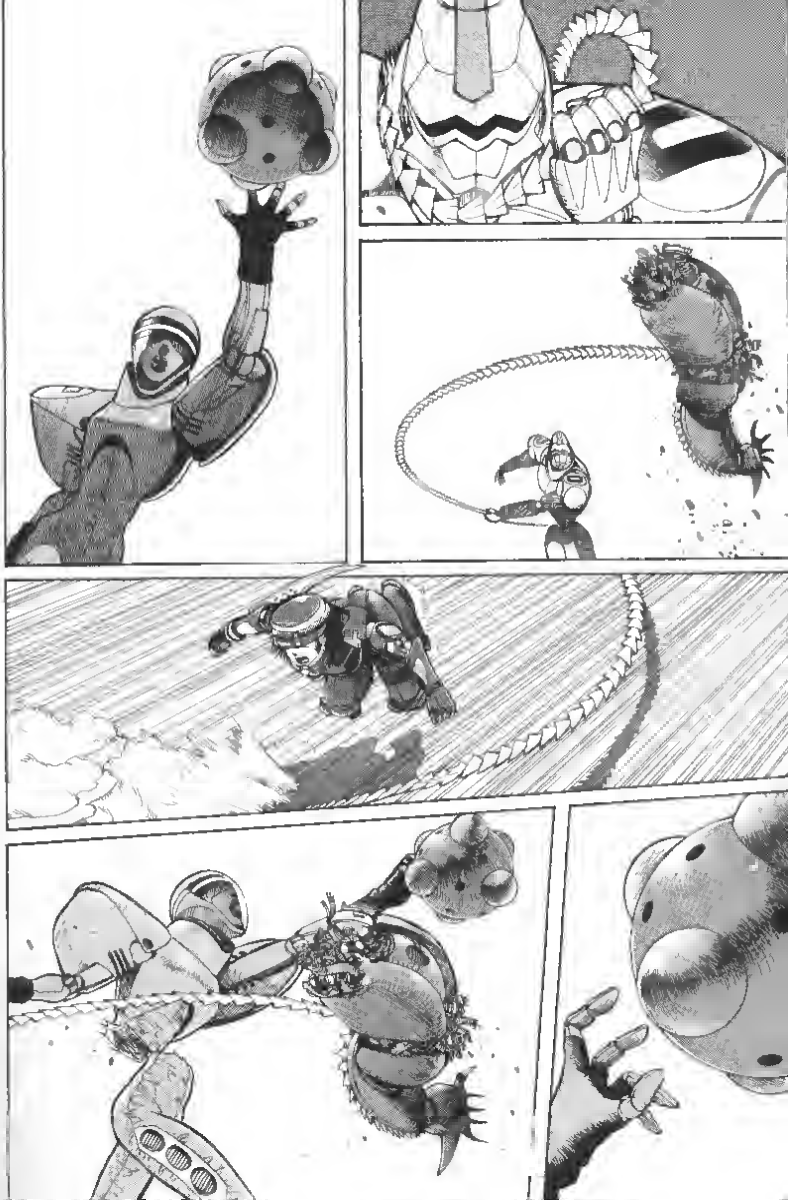

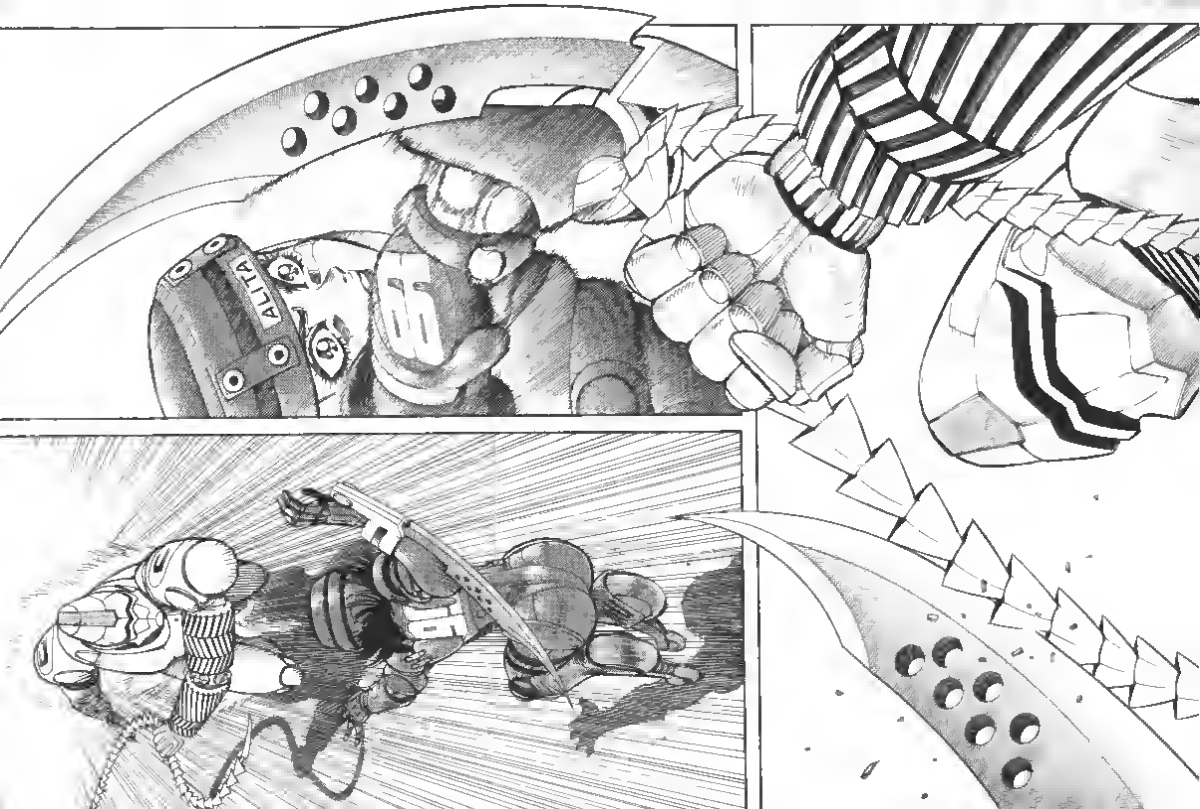
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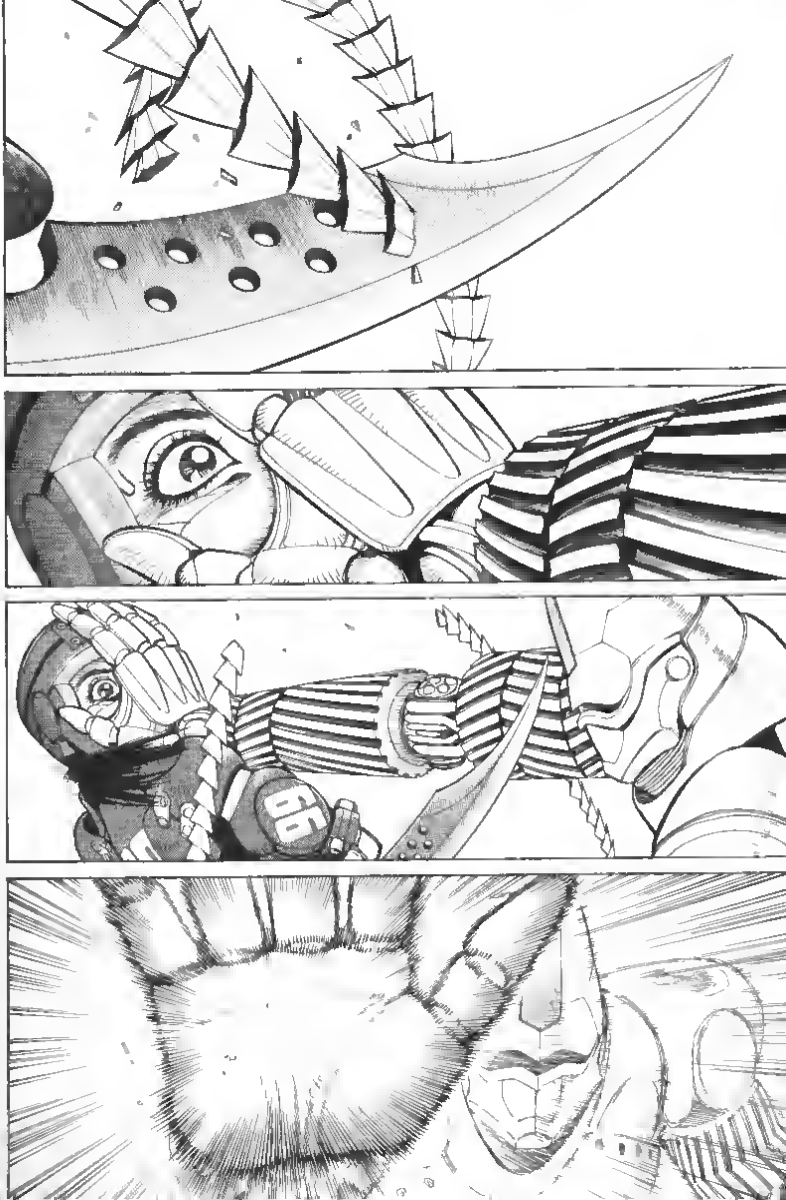

KaFWAM!
BWAM
KaKaANG
YAAAY!
UNGH
GHOK
.....
WHA-?!
A-ALITA--
!?

FWUMP
BING
LIKE A DEMON, EMPEROR JAGHUGAN HAS RIPPED THROUGH THE CHALLENGER TEAM IN JUST SECONDS!
SKEEEK
UHHHGH
99
IS THAT ALL, CHILD? IS THAT THE EXTENT OF YOUR STRENGTH?
LET'S SEE THIS PANZER KUNST OF YOURS.
D-DAMN IT!
FASH

!?
WHA--
--WHAT IS THIS..?
SSSAAA SAAA
HMM..
. I WONDER- AM I DREAMING..?
SHAA AA SAAA
NO THIS LANDSCAPE - I KNOW THIS PLACE..

EVEN WITH YOUR DOUBLE-X CHROMOSOME BODY, YOU'VE SURVIVED THE PANZER KUNST TRAINING...
WARRIOR YOKO.
99
YOKO ?
MASTER !
NO ! MY NAME IS...
BEFORE YOU LEAVE, I WILL PASS ALONG TO YOU THE GEHEIMNIS, THE ULTIMATE SECRET!!
MASTER, MY NAME IS--

YAAAA!!
WH--
!?
uff
hff
RED PLAINS... THE MASTER WARRIOR YOKO...
uff
SCARED... FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO LOSE MYSELF.
WH-WHO AM I...!?
uff
hff
...AS IF THERE'S NOTHING CERTAIN IN MY LIFE... NOTHING...!

BUT IF THIS LIFE IS EVER TO MEAN ANYTHING, I NEED TO KNOW... I NEED PROOF...!
AND SO, I MUST FIGHT ON...
99
HYAAAA!
SHASH
SWASH

FWAK
--YOU DARE!?

CHOK
SKING!
SKEEEE
FWAM

TNG
!
THE EMPEROR'S MASK HAS BEEN CUT!
YAAA!!

YOU DEFEATED MY "SIDE WINDER" BY MATCHING MY CHI AND DEFLECTING !
HAHAHA! WELL DONE!

I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHO I AM, JASHUGAN...
AND I'LL FIGHT YOU FOR THE TRUTH-- TO THE DEATH!

HEH HEH! HERE AROUND US IS THE WORLD, ALITA!
SHAA
...!?
AND THIS IS THE GLORY OF THE WORLD!
GLORY! THAT IS WHAT RULES MOTORBALL!
BUT YOU AND I ARE AFTER SOMETHING DEEPER, AREN'T WE!?

THIS MAN... SO MUCH LIKE ME
HEH
THIS HUNK OF METAL-- MEANINGLESS TO OUR FIGHT!
TONG
YAAAA!
PANG
HEH... I WON'T KILL YOU! I PROMISED DR. IDO THAT...
...BUT REMEMBER WELL WHAT HAPPENS FROM THIS MOMENT ON!

IT'S A SHOW DOWN!
NOW THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO PLAYERS LEFT, THE MOTORBALL IS DISCARDED! THE VICTOR OF THIS ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE WILL BE THE UNDISPUTED MOTORBALL CHAMPION!
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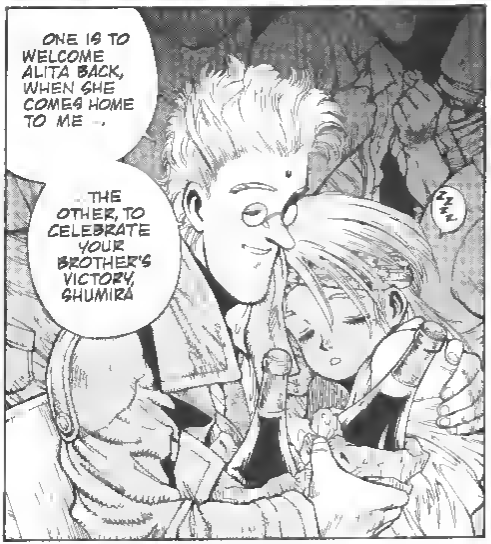
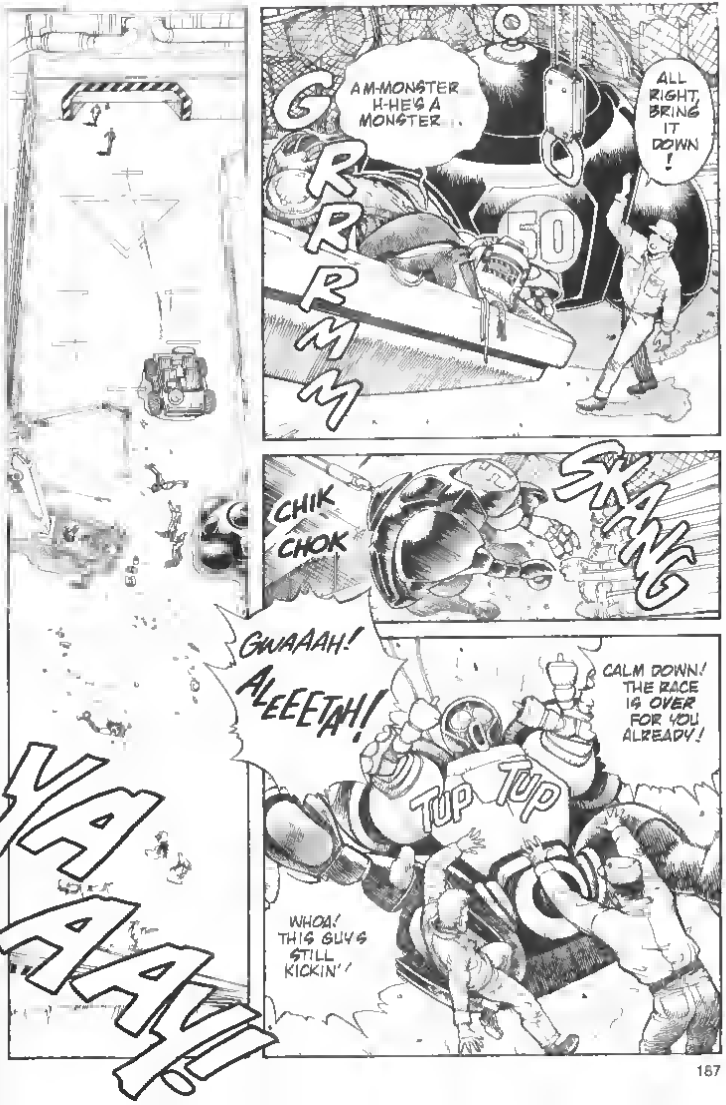
YAAAAY!

I'VE PREPARED TWO BOTTLES OF WINE--
TUSSL
--VECTOR'S UNDERGROUND CONNECTIONS BROUGHT ME TIPHARES' FINEST..


ONE IS TO WELCOME ALITA BACK, WHEN SHE COMES HOME TO ME --.
-- THE OTHER, TO CELEBRATE YOUR BROTHER'S VICTORY, SHUMIRA
ZZZZ..

HE'LL BE BACK, SAFE AND SOUND WE'LL DRINK A TOAST.. YOU'LL SEE.


GRRMM
AM-MONSTER H-HE'S A MONSTER..
ALL RIGHT, BRING IT DOWN!
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CHIK CHOK
SKANG
GWAAAH!
ALEEETAH!
TUP TUP
CALM DOWN! THE RACE IS OVER FOR YOU ALREADY!
WHOA! THIS GUY'S STILL KICKIN'!
YA AAA!!

THIS IS IT, ALITA!
FASH
FWOOM
?!
SHASH

KANG
KRANG
TH-THEY'RE EVENLY MATCHED! PETITE-BODIED ALITA IS HOLDING HER OWN AGAINST THE UNDEFEATED EMPEROR JAGHUGAN!
YAAAAA
MASCHINE KLATSCH'S WEAKEST POINT IS THE MONOTONY OF ITS RHYTHM!
IF I CAN ANTICIPATE HIS FOCUSED CHI ATTACK-- MAKE HIS FIRST STRIKE MISS--THEN MY PANZER KUNST HAS THE CLOSE-RANGE ADVANTAGE!
MATCHING THE OPPONENT'S RHYTHM AND THEN STRIKING WHEN THEY'RE OFF GUARD!
--THAT'S EINZUG RÜSTUNGEN, PANZER KUNST'S MOST SECRET TECHNIQUE!

ZA
VRRRN
!?
M-MY EYES...!
I-I CAN HEAR IT-- MY BRAIN DYING...
NO...NOT YET! I NEED MORE TIME!
DOOM
SKAAA
NOW! FINALE!

CHOK
I MUST NOT LOSE!
WURRR.
!?
FWURR

MODE 47! THE SNAPPING GATOR!
KAWHUD
YAAAAY!
AN INCREDIBLE THROW UTILIZING THE MOTORS ON HIS ARMS! ALITA'S IN BIG TROUBLE--!
KILL! KILL HER! CRACK HER SKULL OPEN!
HMM !?
KAESH
KI-
UH

Uhhgh.
BOOM
IT'S OVER, ALITA!
ZSH
ALEEETAH! I'M HERE TO SAAAAAVE YOU!
UMMMMM
UNGH! WHO'RE YOU!?
WOOM
MY NAME IS

...TIEGEL, THE IMMORTAL!
KAKREK
KRONSH
WHAT A TURN OF EVENTS! TIEGEL MAKES AN EXCITING AND VERY ILLEGAL MOVE-- CUTTING IN ON THE ONE-ON-ONE SHOWDOWN!
SKREEKREE KREE
YAAY!
N-NO! TIEGEL! GET AWAY FROM HIM!
KREE KREE!
HIYAA!
IN MY WHOLE CAREER, THE ONLY THING I COULD BE PROUD OF WAS MY STURDY BODY!
ZUM
NOT EVEN THE CHAMP CAN BREAK THROUGH MY ARMOR!
SKREE

PIP
DUH ?
POP
KAFOOM
FOOM
TIEGEL'S IN FLAMES--BUT STILL HE CONTINUES TO MOVE ON!
SKREEK
WAAARGH!
ST STOP!
!
I-I'M GLAD I DIDN'T QUIT PLAYING MOTOR-BALL
..B-BECAUSE IN THE END I GOT TO FIGHT WITH THE CHAMP..!

KABLAM
T-TIEGEL..
YAAY!
..DUMMY.. DON'T CRY..
FOOSH
TUMP

KA
HIYAAA!
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
YAAY!
ALITA IS HITTING JASHUGAN'S BODY WITH EVERYTHING SHE'S GOT!
THE EMPEROR IS GETTING PUMMELED!
YEAH! KILL JASHUGAN!
KILL-
HMM!?
SHUT UP
KI-
BZK

GETTING HIT... HAVE TO DEFEND... HAVE TO BLOCK HER ATTACKS...
WHAT'S WRONG...? WHAT ARE MY ARMS DOING...? WHERE... ARE MY ARMS...?
THE LEGS WILL DO WHERE...? MY LEGS...?
WH-WHAT IS THIS...!? I'M A SHELL EMPTY...
...IS...IS THIS ALL I AM...? AM I SO INSIGNIFICANT...!?
MELTING... FADING AWAY... I-I WANT MY BODY... I NEED MY BODY!

KHA
YAAA!
PLOOSH

FOOSH
KAIONK
SHUMIRA...

GWOM
WHUD
I DISABLED HIS ARTIFICIAL HEART WITH MY HERTZA HAEON!
hff
uff
HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY GET BACK UP...!?
FOOM

FWOOOSH
YOKO, DO YOU KNOW OF THE ULTIMATE SECRET WE SEEK IN ENDURING THIS RIGOROUS TRAINING...?

IT IS TO OBTAIN, EVEN WITH A MACHINE BODY, THE FLESH OF THE GREAT EARTH"-- THE ONENESS WHICH TAKES OVER ALL OF YOUR SENSES!
OBSERVE! THE WHOLE UNIVERSE WILL RESIDE WITHIN THAT FLESH, AND THE ARS MAGNA WILL BE YOURS!
ZZTZZT
AAAAH!
AAAAH!
KATOOSH

FATOOOM
KAKREK

DEFEATED
SPOO
SPOOO
SHOOO
ALITA
!

YOU FOUGHT WELL...! YOU WERE GREAT, ALITA!
UMBA.
BUT I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE NOW...
sniff
JASHUGAN... WHERE'S JASHUGAN!?
...!
WAS I SEEING THINGS?
NO...
I-I FEEL AS IF I'VE BEEN AWAKENED BY THE POWER OF YOUR ATTACK
TH-THANK YOU, JASHUGAN, CHAMPION!

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